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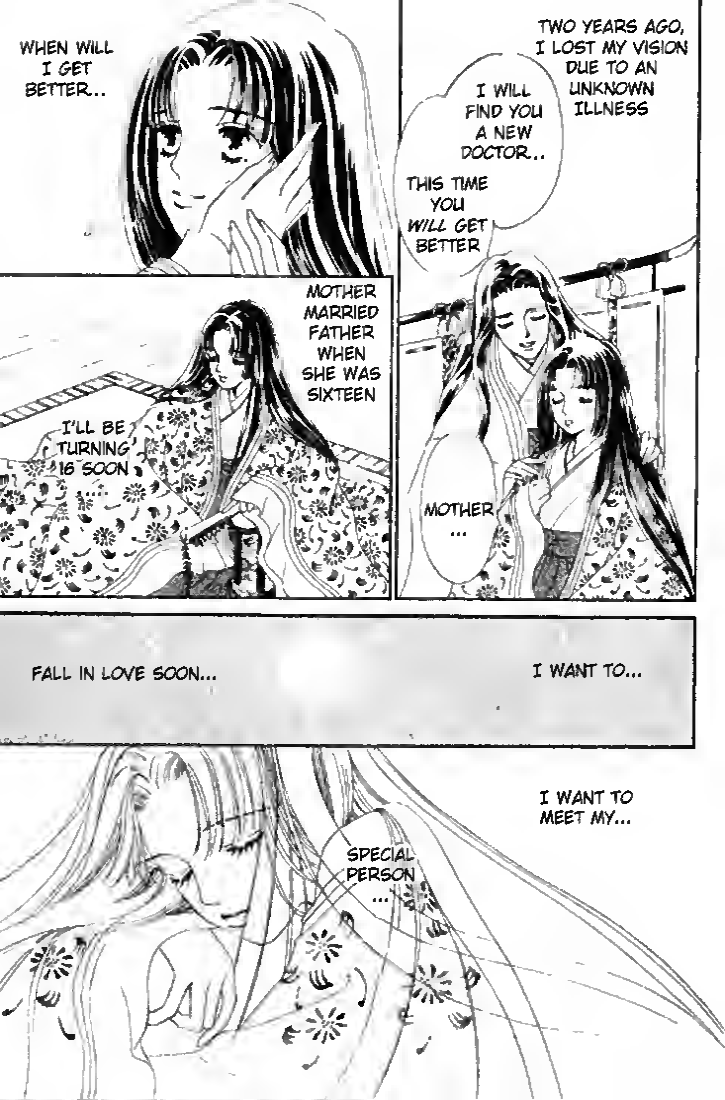
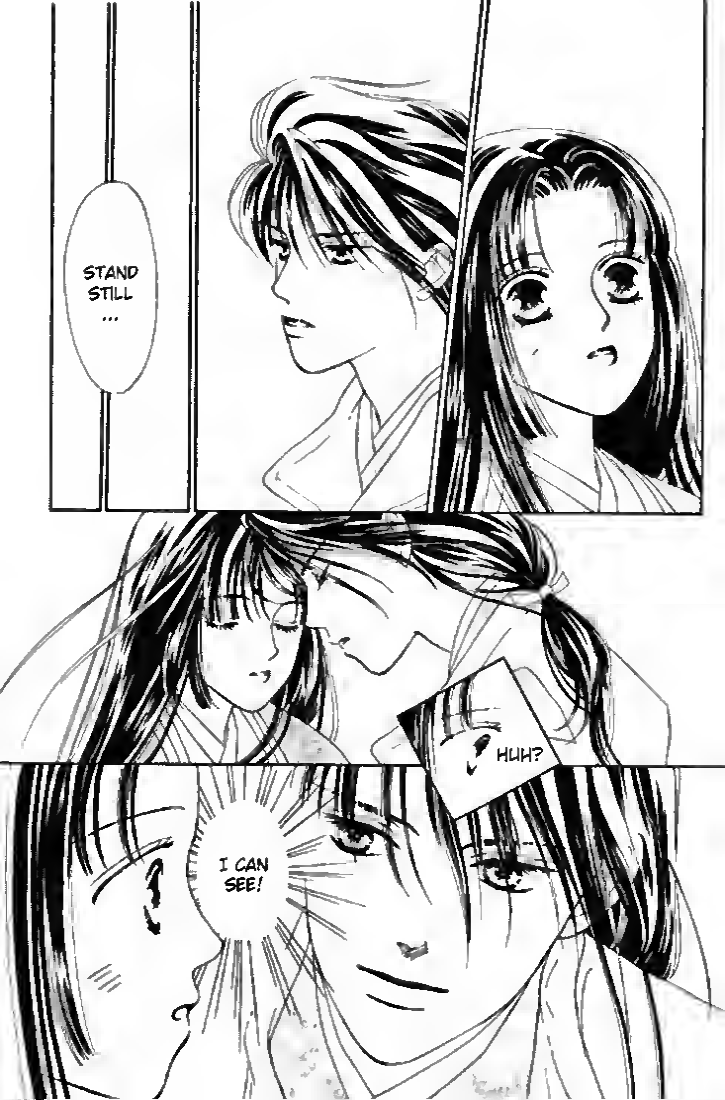
LOVE IS A FLOATING BUBBLE,
DREAMLIKE AND ELUSIVE LIKE A BLOSSOMING FLOWER...

IF I ONLY HAD ONE WISH,
I WANT TO FALL IN LOVE
ALL RIGHT MING, OPEN YOUR EYES
CAN YOU SEE ME DEAR?
NO MOTHER ... I CANNOT SEE ANY-THING


WHEN WILL I GET BETTER..
TWO YEARS AGO, I LOST MY VISION DUE TO AN UNKNOWN ILLNESS
I WILL FIND YOU A NEW DOCTOR..
THIS TIME YOU WILL GET BETTER
MOTHER MARRIED FATHER WHEN SHE WAS SIXTEEN
I'LL BE TURNING 16 SOON ...
MOTHER ...
FALL IN LOVE SOON...
I WANT TO...
I WANT TO MEET MY...
SPECIAL PERSON ...

WHO IS THERE, CALLING OUT TO ME...?
HEY?
HEY ...
YOU OVER THERE
WHO... WHO ARE YOU?
I'M SORRY... I AM BLIND, I CANNOT SEE ANYTHING
WHO... WHO ARE YOU?
WHAT?
YOU CANNOT SEE? EVEN IN A DREAM?


STAND STILL ...
HUH?
I CAN SEE!

IT'S NOTHING SURPRISING, SEEING HOW WE ARE INSIDE A DREAM
WHY?
WHAT DID YOU DO...
I CAN SEE!
BUT HOW IS THIS POSSIBLE? IT'S NOT LIKE IT WILL SNOW JUST BECAUSE I WANT IT TO...
HIRAAAA
BEAUTIFUL-
NOT JUST SNOW
BUT RAINBOWS TOO!
EVEN DRAGONS!

GAKU...
OH LOOK! THE SNOWFLAKES ARE SHINING IN THE MOONLIGHT
HOW BEAU-TIFUL
SO WARM ... SO TENDER ...
THANK YOU ... FOR ME... YOU DID ALL OF THIS...
OH... THE LOOK IN THIS PERSON'S EYES...

THIS IS A DREAM...
... SUCH A WONDERFUL FRAGRANCE,
LIGHT,
AND SWEET...

FLOWERS...
FUWAA...
YOU AND I...
MAY MEET AGAIN SOMEDAY ...
WAIT WHAT?
WAIT ...
WAIT ...

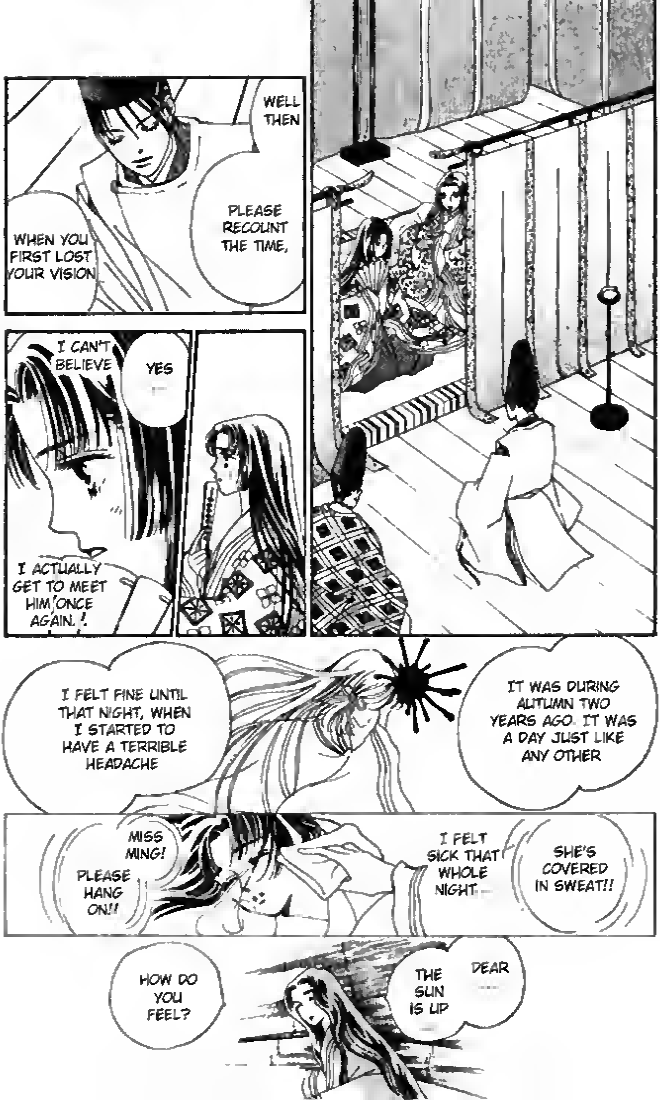
FUWAA...
A DREAM...
OH...IT'S THAT FRAGRANCE AGAIN,
THAT SMELL FROM MY DREAM...
WHY... WHY DO I FEEL SO... EMPTY?
LIGHT
AS IF I AM MISSING SOMETHING IMPORTANT...
AND SWEET ...

I WANT TO SEE HIM...
I WANT TO SEE HIM AGAIN...
HIM FROM MY DREAM ...
WHAT?
AN ONMYOJI?
WHAT IF HE PREDICTS THAT I WILL NEVER GET BETTER AGAIN?
THAT'S EVEN WORSE
ONMYOJI... SOMEONE WHO PLACES CURSES OR PREDICTS THE FUTURE RIGHT?
WHY INVITE SOMEONE LIKE THAT HERE?
JUST GIVE HIM A CHANCE MING,
I HEARD HE IS HIGHLY TALENTED AT WHAT HE DOES
LET'S HIDE SOMEWHERE
SASAA
OH!
DONG!!

THIS... FRAGRANCE ...
OH ...
I'M SORRY ...
...WAIT ... YOU'RE THE PERSON... FROM THE DREAM?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN...
I THINK YOU GOT THE WRONG PERSON...

HOW IS THIS POSSIBLE...?
NO...? BUT IT IS YOU.
BUT...
YOU USED THE SAME VOICE...
TO APPEAR IN MY DREAM...!!
...ACTUALLY, IT WAS YOU WHO APPEARED IN MY DREAM.
I WAS RIGHT!
YOU AND I... SMELL OF THE SAME FRAGRANCE...
THAT IS WHY... WE WERE ABLE TO MEET INSIDE OUR DREAMS...

THIS FRAGRANCE...
BELONGS TO HIM?
OR...
DOES IT BELONG TO ME ...?
FUREE
INSIDE OUR DREAMS ...
MING IS HERE
YOU'VE ARRIVED
AH, MASTER SEIMEI
THIS PERSON IS...?
HUH? ONMYOJI?
LET HIM TAKE A LOOK AT YOU
MING, THIS IS THE ONMYOJI


WELL THEN
PLEASE RECOUNT THE TIME,
WHEN YOU FIRST LOST YOUR VISION
I CAN'T BELIEVE
YES
I ACTUALLY GET TO MEET HIM ONCE AGAIN.!
IT WAS DURING AUTUMN TWO YEARS AGO. IT WAS A DAY JUST LIKE ANY OTHER
I FELT FINE UNTIL THAT NIGHT, WHEN I STARTED TO HAVE A TERRIBLE HEADACHE
SHE'S COVERED IN SWEAT!!
I FELT SICK THAT WHOLE NIGHT
MISS MING!
PLEASE HANG ON!!
DEAR
THE SUN IS UP
HOW DO YOU FEEL?

THE SUN IS UP?
ISN'T IT STILL NIGHT?
MAYBE HER DINNER WAS POISONED ...?
NAH, I HEARD THERE ARE OTHERS WITH THIS ILLNESS IN OTHER COUNTRIES
IN THE END ...
WE STILL DON'T KNOW WHAT CAUSED THIS ILLNESS
THAT NIGHT, DID ANYTHING UNUSUAL HAPPEN ...?
NO, NOT REALLY ...
IT WAS JUST A NORMAL FULL-MOONED NIGHT
THERE ... WAS A FULL MOON THAT NIGHT...?
YES
EVEN THE WEST WING WAS VERY BRIGHT.

EXCUSE ME, IS MY ILLNESS ...
UNCURABLE?
UM ...
I SEE ...
MISS ...
IT WILL BE CURED
IN FACT,
IT WILL BE CURED IN A MONTH.

WHAT...?
H... HOW?
THIS ILLNESS ... WILL BE CURED IN A MONTH?
LEAVE IT ALL TO ME...
...JUST
OH!
MASTER SEIMEI!
HOW...
WILL HE CURE ME... JUST LIKE IN THE DREAM?

THOSE...
TENDER, LOVING EYES...
... WHAT AN EXTRAORDINARY PERSON
IS HE ABLE...
TO PREDICT THE FUTURE?
WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?
WHAT DID YOU...
I SAID, MASTER SEIMEI WILL VISIT AGAIN TODAY
I'VE JUST BEEN NOTIFIED
OH... WHAT SHOULD I DO?
I MUST GO CHANGE...
YES, MISS ME!
HOW ABOUT YOUR BRAND NEW OUTFIT?

IS...
IS THERE ANY LIPSTICK ON MY FACE?
IS THE COLOR OF MY OUTFIT INAPPROPRIATE?
DON'T WORRY MISS,
YOU LOOK BEAUTIFUL!
I KNOW...
HE'S ONLY HERE TO CHECK ON MY ILLNESS
I KNOW HE'S ONLY HERE TO...
IT'S THE FIRST SNOW OF THE YEAR!
AND WOW! I WAS JUST WONDERING WHY IT WAS SO COLD.

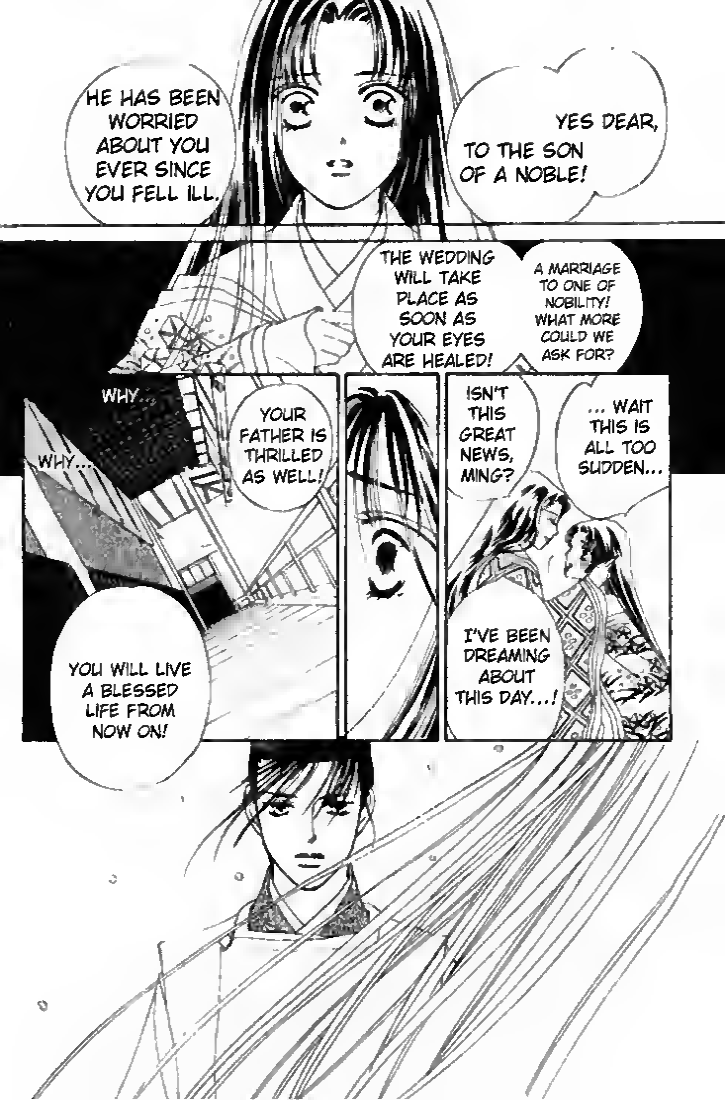
SNOW...?

YOU WILL CATCH A COLD LIKE THIS...

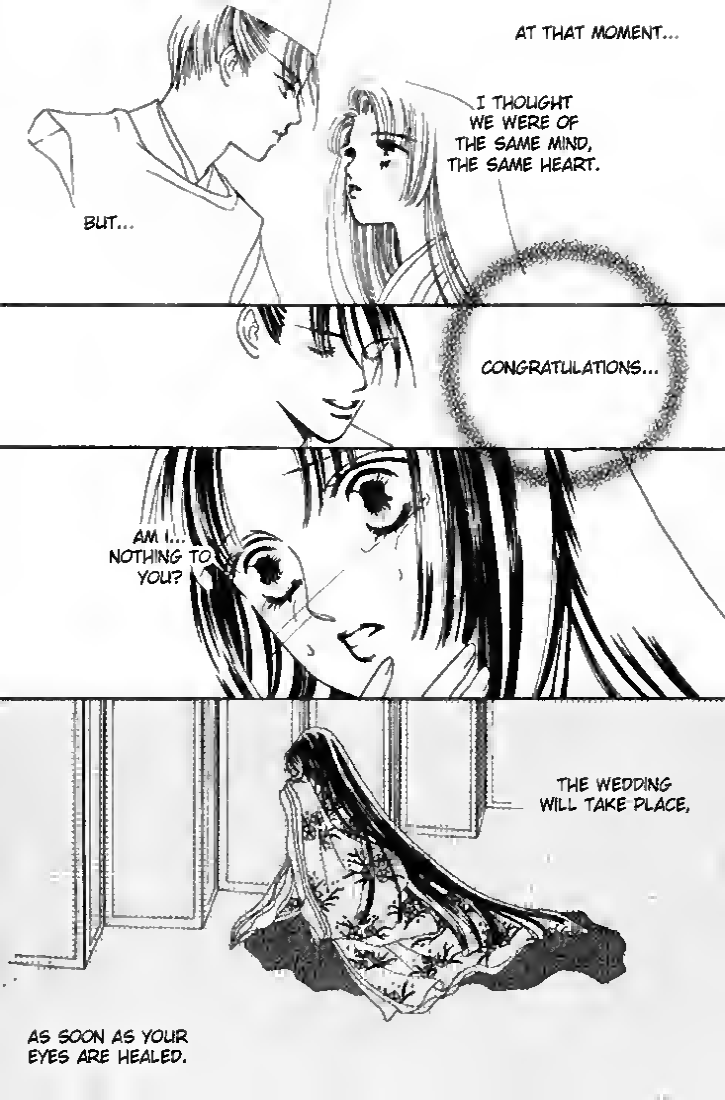
OH...
MASTER SEIMEI...!
... STANDING LIKE THIS YOU REMIND ME OF A PEONY IN THE SNOW.
A PEONY?
ME?
WHAT ... WHAT KIND OF FLOWER IS IT?
I'VE NEVER SEEN ONE BEFORE...
IS IT ... BEAUTIFUL?
YOU'LL FIND OUT ... ONCE YOUR EYES ARE HEALED.
OH... I DON'T KNOW...
HEY!
TELL ME

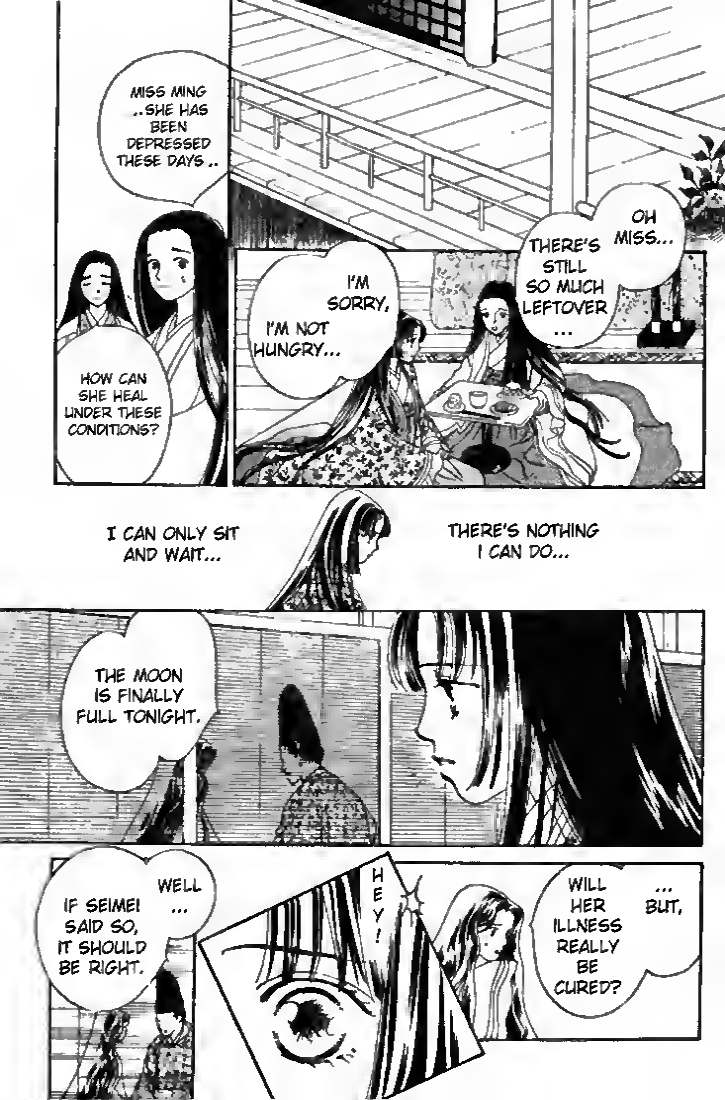
IT'S JUST LIKE THE DREAM,
... WILL YOU ... HELP ME SEE ...?
HERE, WITH YOU...
UH-HUH
TOGETHER...

GREAT NEWS DEAR!
WHAT'S WRONG MOTHER? YOU'RE IN SUCH A HURRY...
MOTHER
MING, MY DEAR!
HAA
YOUR MARRIAGE HAS BEEN DECIDED!
MA... MARRIAGE?


HE HAS BEEN WORRIED ABOUT YOU EVER SINCE YOU FELL ILL.
YES DEAR, TO THE SON OF A NOBLE!
THE WEDDING WILL TAKE PLACE AS SOON AS YOUR EYES ARE HEALED!
A MARRIAGE TO ONE OF NOBILITY! WHAT MORE COULD WE ASK FOR?
WHY...
WHY...
YOUR FATHER IS THRILLED AS WELL!
ISN'T THIS GREAT NEWS, MING?
... WAIT THIS IS ALL TOO SUDDEN...
YOU WILL LIVE A BLESSED LIFE FROM NOW ON!
I'VE BEEN DREAMING ABOUT THIS DAY...!

WAIT!
MASTER SEIMEI!
MISS...
CONGRAT-ULATIONS...
WHY...?


AT THAT MOMENT...
I THOUGHT WE WERE OF THE SAME MIND, THE SAME HEART.
BUT...
CONGRATULATIONS...
AM I... NOTHING TO YOU?
THE WEDDING WILL TAKE PLACE,
AS SOON AS YOUR EYES ARE HEALED.


MISS MING ..SHE HAS BEEN DEPRESSED THESE DAYS ..
HOW CAN SHE HEAL UNDER THESE CONDITIONS?
I'M SORRY, I'M NOT HUNGRY...
OH MISS... THERE'S STILL SO MUCH LEFTOVER ...
I CAN ONLY SIT AND WAIT...
THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO...
THE MOON IS FINALLY FULL TONIGHT.
WELL ... IF SEIME! SAID SO, IT SHOULD BE RIGHT.
HEY!
... BUT, WILL HER ILLNESS REALLY BE CURED?

IT SEEMS LIKE ALL WE HAD TO DO IS TO DISPEL THE CURSE TONIGHT UNDER THE FULL MOON.
WE WILL BE BUSY PREPARING FOR THE WEDDING STARTING TOMORROW.
WEDDING...
NEVER AGAIN...
I WON'T ...
SEE HIM EVER AGAIN...!
MISS MING... THE NOBLEMAN SENT OVER A GIFT AND WISHES YOU WELL.
SOMEONE! MISS MING IS MISSING!
WHAT DID YOU SAY?!
MISS?

I MUST SEE HIM ONCE AGAIN
BEFORE THE SUN SETS...
I MUST SEE HIM!
HURRY!
MISS MING?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
COMING TO THIS PLACE BY YOURSELF?
MASTER SEIME!...
I HAVE... A WISH.
PLEASE,

PLEASE...
PLEASE DON'T,
DON'T HEAL MY EYES!
PLEASE...
I...
I DON'T NEED... VISION...
I...
THE PERSON I LIKE THE MOST IS...

.....
MISS...
SHUU...
WHAT...?
WHY... SUDDENLY I FEEL... DIZZY...

MISS,
I CANNOT... FULFILL THAT WISH...
YOU ARE NOT SUFFERING FROM AN ILLNESS,
...BUT FROM DARK MAGIC...
A CURSE
THIS CURSE MUST BE LIFTED...
OTHER-WISE... YOU WILL DIE...

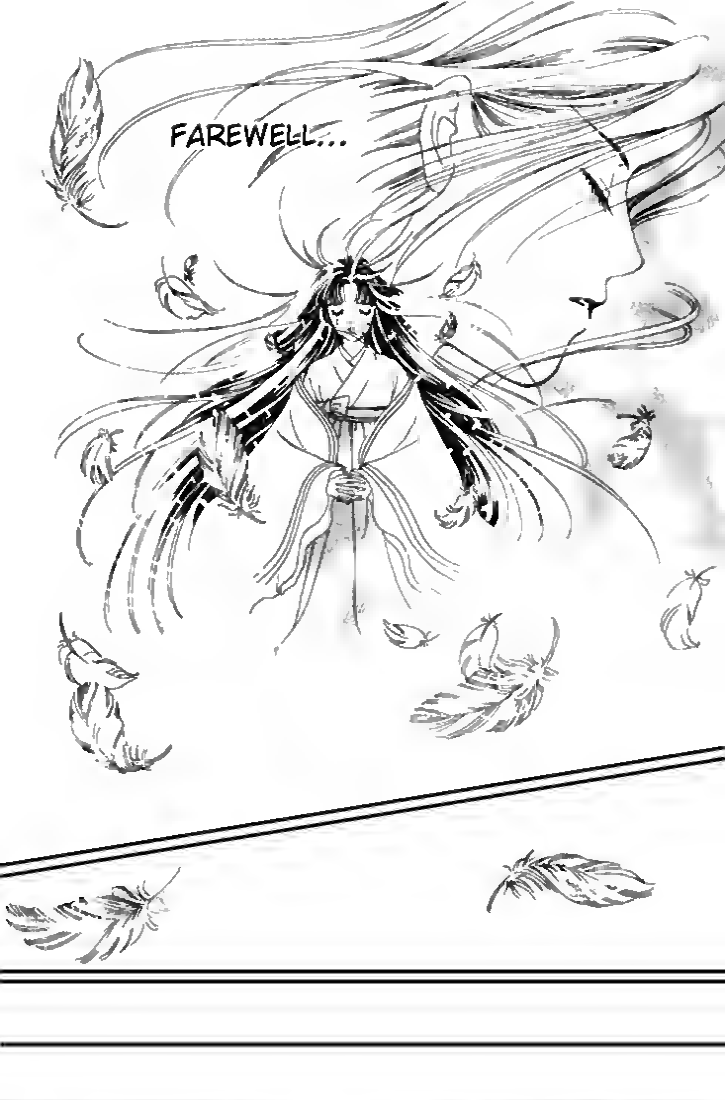
THIS...
WHERE IS THIS PLACE...?
OH... THIS FRAGRANCE!
MASTER SEIMEI,
MISS MING!
THE PLACE WHERE WE FIRST MET...

MY WISH,
IS IT REALLY...
IMPOSSIBLE TO FULFILL...?
WELL THEN,
WHY...
WHY AM I HERE...?

HERE, WITH YOU...
MISS ...
WOULD YOU LIKE TO HEAR ABOUT MY WISH...?

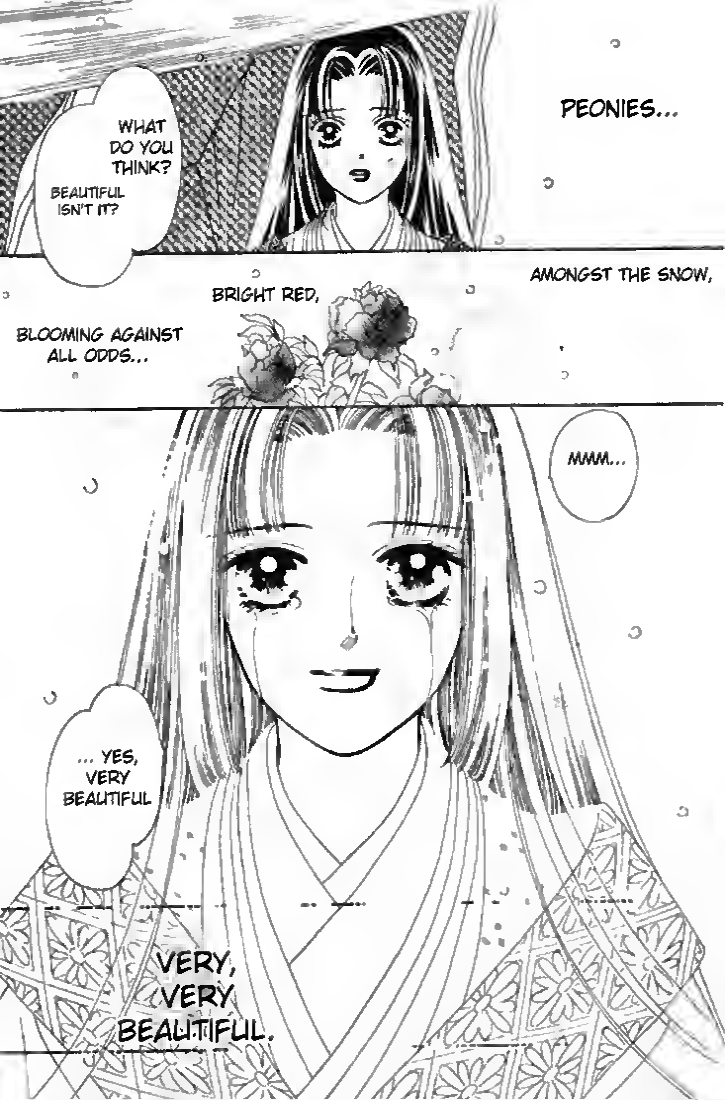
I THOUGHT YOU WERE A PEONY IN THE SNOW
ME...?
I WANT TO...
SHOW YOU THE PEONIES...
A BEAUTIFUL FLOWER ...
AMONGST THE SNOW... BRIGHT RED... BLOOMING AGAINST ALL ODDS
A TENDER, LOVING PERSON.
I WANT TO SHOW THEM TO YOU...

FUKA
... GOODBYE


FAREWELL...

HEAVY SNOW TODAY ...
THE WEDDING FEAST TURNED INTO A SNOW FEAST.
MISS MING, CONGRATULATIONS!
YOU'RE BECOMING MORE AND MORE BEAUTIFUL.
OH, STOP TEASING ME!

(ED NOTE. I KNOW THERE'S AN ACCENT OVER THE E, BUT THIS FONT DOESN'T SUPPORT THAT CHARCTER, SORRY)
WHAT A SWEET FIANCE.
MASTER
MISS MING, COME OVER HERE
I WANT TO SHOW YOU SOMETHING ...
THAT'S WHY I PLANTED THESE...
HMM, WHAT IS IT?
PEONIES

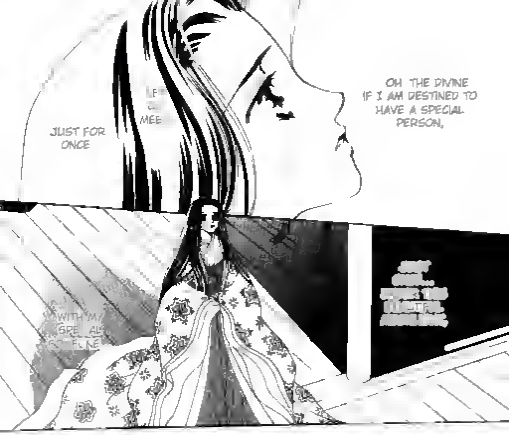

PEONIES...
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
BEAUTIFUL ISN'T IT?
AMONGST THE SNOW,
BRIGHT RED,
BLOOMING AGAINST ALL ODDS...
MMM...
... YES, VERY BEAUTIFUL
VERY, VERY BEAUTIFUL.

~~THE END~~

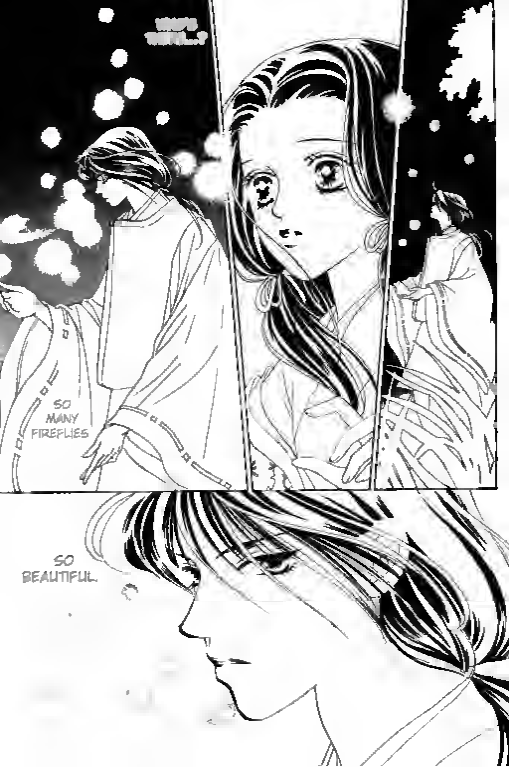
The Girl Among the Moonlilies
Human emotions are never-ending... Is love a dream or a reality?

QUICK TRANSLATION NOTE
A SAIOH IS A PRINCESS OF THE ROYAL FAMILY WHO IS CHOSEN TO LIVE IN A SPECIAL PLACE AND PRAY TO THE GODS AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE EMPEROR.

I HEARD THAT EVERYONE
HAS A DESTINED SPECIAL PERSON
DO I HAVE ONE AS WELL?
MY OWN SPECIAL PERSON.
YOU ARE ABOUT TO BECOME THE SAIOH
MOTHER.
DON'T SAY THAT PRINCESS
YOU CANNOT FALL IN LOVE
I HAVE BEEN CHOSEN TO BECOME THE SAIOH FOR THE EMPEROR. VERY SOON I WILL.
BECOME THE HOLY SERVANT
I UNDERSTAND
MMM.
LOVE IS UNCLEAN, MY PEARL. DO YOU UNDERSTAND?


OH THE DIVINE
IF I AM DESTINED TO
HAVE A SPECIAL
PERSON,
JUST FOR
ONCE
LE
MEE
FUMA

A
FIREFLY?
I HAVE
NEVER
SEEN..
SUCH A
BRIGHT
FIREFLY...
WAIT...


SO MANY FIREFLIES
SO BEAUTIFUL.

HEY WATCH OUT BEHIND YOU...
!
GAKU
AHHHH!
DOSHA
OH...

WHAT'S THE MATTER? AM I DEAD...?
AM I...
PAINFUL...
MY BODY FEELS HEAVY
...WHO'S THERE?
THE PAIN IS SLIPPING AWAY...
SOMEONE IS GENTLY TOUCHING MY FOREHEAD...

THE SUN IS UP...?
...ARE YOU AWAKE?
YOU'RE... FROM LAST NIGHT.
OUCH
DON'T FORCE YOURSELF YOU HAVE INJURED YOUR FOOT
THIS IS MY HOME BY THE WAY
THAT'S RIGHT. I WAS CHASING THE FIREFLIES.
I MUST RETURN HOME. I MUST GO BACK.
HOME...

I DON'T KNOW...?
MY NAME
MY HOME..
WHY?
I CAN'T REMEMBER.
I CAN'T REMEMBER ANYTHING
I'VE LOST MY MEMORIES
HOW IS THIS POSSIBLE?
HOW IS THIS.

DON'T WORRY,
YOU WILL RECOVER YOUR MEMORIES SOON ENOUGH.
BUT BEFORE THAT, WHY DON'T YOU STAY HERE FOR AWHILE?
EVERYTHING WILL BE FINE AS SOON AS YOU ARE HEALED. HONESTLY.
EVERYTHING WILL BE FINE
WHY
AFTER ALL, IT IS I WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR INJURIES

IT IS BECAUSE I AM AN ONMYOJI.
PLACING CURSES AND MAKING PREDICTIONS ARE MY TALENT.
RECOVER MY MEMORIES
CHASING FIREFLIES.
YOU... WHO ARE YOU? WHY ARE YOU...?
ONMYOJI ?
PRINCESS MOONLILY.
YOUR... YOUR NAME ISS?
WHY DON'T I CALL YOU PRINCESS MOONLILY.
YOU LOOK JUST LIKE THE FLOWERS UNDER THE MOONLIGHT.
THAT'S RIGHT.
YOU NEED TO HAVE A NAME
WHAT SHOULD I CALL YOU?

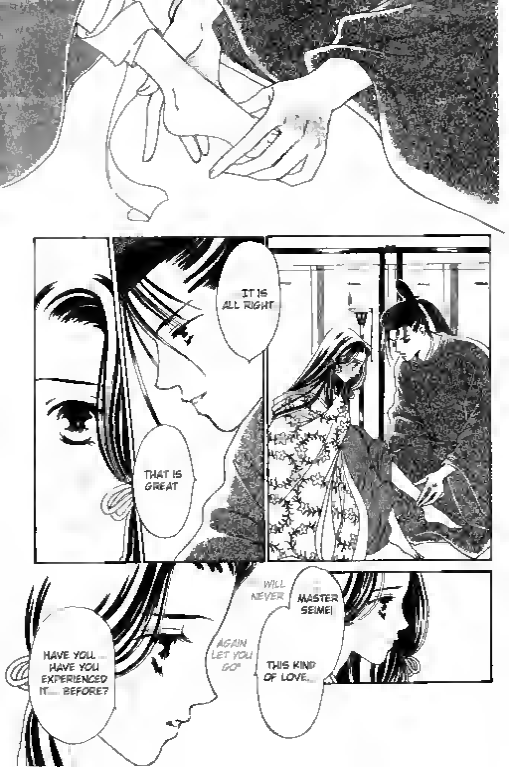
MASTER SEIMEI...
MY NAME IS SEIMEI.
THANK YOU, MASTER SEIMEI.
THANK YOU... FOR SAVING ME.
PRINCESS MOONLILY.
GENTLE HANDS,
A GENTLE PERSON...
MY HEART IS BEATING UNCONTROLLABLY
DON'T WORRY
MY CHEST FEELS AS IF IT IS SHINING WITH THAT FIREFLY'S LIGHT

THE FLOWERS ARE BEAUTIFUL
OH!
HMM?
THOSE FLOWERS WERE PICKED BY MASTER SEIMEI BEFORE HE LEFT THIS MORNING.
HE SAID HE WISHES THAT THEY WILL CHEER YOU UP, MY DEAR MISS

ARE YOU STILL AWAKE?
PRINCESS?
THE LIGHTS ARE ON.
.....

HMM-HMM.
YOU'RE READING ILLUSTRATED STORIES?
I'VE READ THIS BEFORE. THIS STORY ABOUT THE MOON PRINCESS.
I REALLY LIKE THIS PART... "THE EMPEROR'S PROPOSAL"...
I AM SORRY FOR WAKING YOU UP.
OH, MASTER SEIMEI
As he lays eyes upon the charming beautiful princess for the very first time, the Emperor fell deeply in love. To the princess, he said:
LOOK RIGHT HERE.
"MY BEAUTIFUL...
I WILL NEVER AGAIN LET YOU GO."

PRIN CESS.
CATA
OW...
OH NO...
BE CAREFUL DON'T MOVE OR YOUR WOUNDS WILL...
LET ME SEE.
THE LAMPS ARE BURNT OUT...
YURA


IT IS ALL RIGHT
THAT IS GREAT
HAVE YOU... HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED IT... BEFORE?
I WILL NEVER LET YOU GO AGAIN
MASTER SEIMEI
THIS KIND OF LOVE...

WHAT, THIS?
I THINK SO
AND THEN..?
THAT WOULL
YOU ARE HEALING FASTER THAN I HAVE EXPECTED!
SEEMS LIKE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO WALK IN NO TIME
AFTER I AM HEALED,
WILL I BE ABLE TO,
SEE YOU AGAIN LIKE THIS...?
...MASTER SEIJUN.

IF I CANNOT SEE YOU AGAIN,
EVEN IF MY BODY IS HEALED, EVEN IF MY MEMORIES RETURNED,
I STILL WOULD NOT BE HAPPY...
ANYTHING ABOUT YOU,
EVEN IF IT IS INSIGNIFICANT
WOULD MAKE MY HEART BEAT RAPIDLY... MAKE ME VERY HAPPY
YOU WILL SEE ME AGAIN, IF THAT IS WHAT YOU WISH.
PRINCESS MOON-LILY...

GOOD NIGHT...
I AM TOO HAPPY TO FALL ASLEEP
I CAN'T FALL ASLEEP

OH...
A PAPER FAN
THIS IS THE PRINCESS'...
KATA
THIS FAMILY EMBLEM.
IT IS THE SAME
AS THAT OF THE PREVIOUS EMPEROR'S.
I FEEL SO HAPPY...

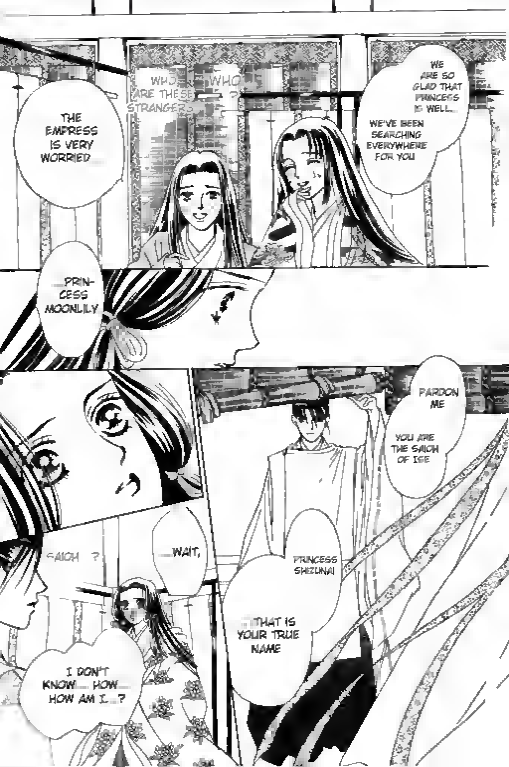
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
COME OVER HERE.
PI PI PI
COME HERE.
PI PI PI
OH! OH! OH!
OH...
MASTER SEIMEI
LAST TIME MASTER SEIMEI WAS ABLE TO GET NEAR THE FIREFLIES
I... I WOULD LIKE TO TRY THAT TOO
THEY ARE VERY...
BEAUTIFUL...

LET ME THINK HOW ABOUT DURING A FULL MOON?
THIS SPELL WILL ONLY WORK DURING A MOON LIT NIGHT
OH, REALLY?
IS THAT SO??
WELL THEN LET ME SHOW YOU HOW
I SHOULD BE HEALED BY THEN.
THIS IS GREAT!
WHAT KIND OF SPELL SHOULD I RECITE?
...MASTER SUMMER?
FOR NOW...
LET ME HOLD YOU, JUST LIKE THIS.

AMAZING
MY HEART BECOMES CALM,
AS LONG AS I AM WITH YOU LIKE THIS
...HMM?
THERE ARE THINGS THAT ACTUALLY AMAZE EVEN YOU?
...THIS WORLD IS FILLED WITH AMAZING THINGS
THIS CALMNESS,
WHERE DID IT COME FROM?
NOBODY KNOWS

MASTER SEIMEI'S HANDS.
ARE GRIPPING TIGHTER
MASTER SEIMEI ?
THE MOON WITHIN THE WATER...
SOMETIMES,
JUST LIKE THE MOON'S REFLECTION UPON THE WATER'S SURFACE
THIS BLISS IS SHAKING
S-COME WORRIED
ABOUT TO FADE AWAY...

OH,
MISS IS ABLE TO WALK NOW?
YES FINALLY
OH, THAT'S GREAT!
WHAT A GREAT DAY
I HAVE JUST BEEN NOTIFIED
MISS' FAMILY IS HERE TO TAKE MISS HOME.
MISS IS FINALLY ABLE TO RETURN HOME!
WHAT...!
GARA
GARA
GARA
PRIN-CESS!


WHO ARE THESE STRANGERS...?
WHO...
WE ARE SO GLAD THAT PRINCESS IS WELL...
WE'VE BEEN SEARCHING EVERYWHERE FOR YOU
THE EMPRESS IS VERY WORRIED
PRINCESS MOONLILY
PARDON ME
YOU ARE THE SAIGH OF ISE
WAIT,
PRINCESS SHIZUKA!
SAIGH ?
THAT IS YOUR TRUE NAME
I DON'T KNOW... HOW... HOW AM I...?

WILL WE NEVER SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN...?
WILL WE...
NO, PLEASE.
PLEASE TELL ME THIS IS ALL A LIE...?
PLEASE!
ONCE MORE,
CALL ME PRINCESS MOONLILY...
I... I DON'T CARE ABOUT WHAT MY REAL NAME IS.

THIS PAIN IS ONLY TEMPORARY, PRINCESS
YOUR MEMORIES WILL RETURN AS SOON AS YOU ARE HEALED
AND WHEN YOUR MEMORIES RETURN,
YOU WILL FORGET ALL ABOUT OUR TIME TOGETHER.
PRINCESS
THIS IS DESTINY
WHAT ?
EVERY-THING WILL
RETURN TO THE WAY BEFORE.
IT HAS ALREADY BEEN DECIDED SINCE THE BEGINNING
A LIE...
IT'S A LIE...

LET'S GO PRINCESS.
LET'S GO BACK
PRINCESS
MASTER SEIMEI
WAIT! WAIT...
LET'S GO HOME.
!
THE EMPRESS IS WAITING FOR YOU
MASTER SEIMEI

THIS IS DESTINY.
I DON'T BELIEVE THIS!
THIS SORT OF DESTINY
I WON'T BELIEVE THIS
HOW IS THE PRINCESS?
WELL..
SHE ONLY STARES AT THE MOON..
SHE WON'T DRINK HER MEDICINE.
SIGHS
MISS, I WONDER IF SHE IS WELL..
I AM WORRIED

ACCORDING TO THE MAIDS, MISS REFUSES TO EAT. SHE IS BECOMING WEAKER BY THE DAY...
A FULL-MOONED NIGHT
BACK THEN
YOU ALREADY KNEW, DIDN'T YOU?
SINCE THE FIRST TIME
YOU KNEW SINCE THE FIRST TIME YOU SHOWED ME YOUR TENDERNESS

PRIN-
CESS...
PRINCESS
MOONLILY
MASTER
SEIMEI...?
HERE
I AM.
JUST AS I
PROMISED...
A MEETING
DURING THE
FULL-MOONED
NIGHT

WHY ARE YOU ALWAYS SO NICE TO ME...?
FORGET IT IF THIS IS OUR DESTINY... WHY BOTHER COMING HERE FOR ME...?
COME
LET US GO.
LET US GO TO THE PLACE OF THE FIRE-FLIES...
TO THE "FOREST OF MEMORIES."
FOREST...
OF MEMORIES?

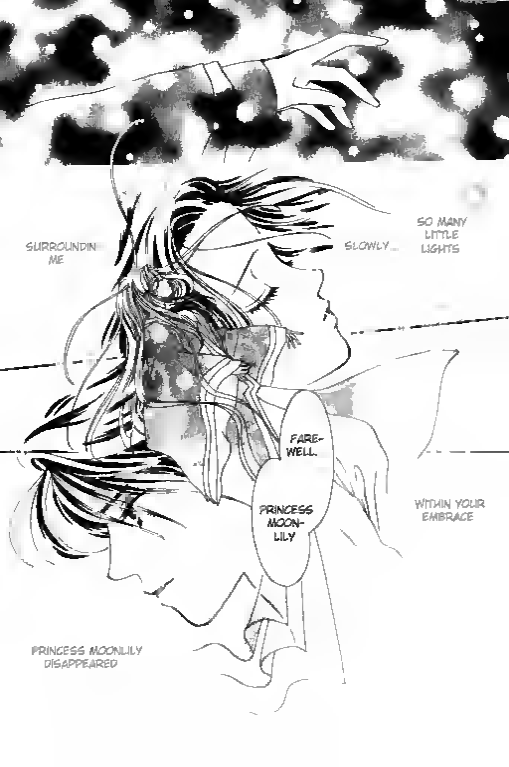
WHY ARE THERE SO MANY LIGHTS...?
THIS IS...
THIS IS THE SAME FIREFLY.
...NO, THIS IS NOT A FIREFLY.
THIS... WHAT IS THIS...?
HUMANS' MEMO-RIES
TURN INTO BRIGHT LITTLE LIGHTS WHEN FORGOTTEN...
ALL OF THESE FIRE-FLIES...
ARE THEY OUR FORGOTTEN MEMORIES.

FORGOTTEN.
MEMORIES...
DO MY MEMORIES.
EXIST HERE SOMEWHERE...?
PRINCESS. YOUR MEMORIES. I WILL RETURN THEM TO YOU
THIS IS THE LAST THING
I CAN DO FOR YOU
I WILL RETURN THEM TO YOU MYSELF

MASTER SEIMEI
YOU,
ARE SO LOVABLE...
I DON'T KNOW... WHY...
EVEN THOUGH I KNOW THAT YOU WIL... FORGET ME...
EVEN THOUGH I KNOW THAT...
YOU WILL DISAPPEAR...

I'VE ALWAYS,
LOVED YOU AND ONLY YOU
MASTER SEIMEI...
EVEN IF I FORGET YOU,
I WON'T FORGET
EVEN IF I LOST ALL OF MY MEMORIES...
I WON'T FORGET ABOUT THIS

TO HAVE BEEN LOVED BY YOU,
THIS MEMORY WILL REMAIN IN MY HEART FOREVER,
LIKE THESE LITTLE FIREFLIES...
I WILL NEVER FORGET


SURROUNDIN ME
SLOWLY...
SO MANY LITTLE LIGHTS
FARE-WELL.
PRINCESS MOON-LILY
WITHIN YOUR EMBRACE
PRINCESS MOONLILY DISAPPEARED

FAREWELL...
THE SAIOH HAS BEEN PURIFIED,
AND NOW SHE IS HEADING TO ISE
WOW...
IT'S THE ROYAL PROCESSION!

WOW...
HOW BEAUTIFUL
THIS IS JUST LIKE THE MOON PRINCESS LEAVING FOR THE MOON...
OH...
THE MOON

PRINCESS?
DON'T WORRY..
BESIDES, I HAVE ALMOST FORGOTTEN ABOUT MY ILLNESS
DON'T STARE AT THE MOON LIKE THAT... YOU MAY BECOME ILL AGAIN.
IT'S JUST THAT... SOMETIME... WHEN I STARE AT THE BEAUTIFUL MOON,
I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT...
I ALWAYS FEEL VERY CALM.
SWEET,
BUT BITTER AT THE SAME TIME
.....

SOMEONE IS WATCHING OVER ME.
IT'S AS IF

You are so lovable...
I will never forget...
The End

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It is a shiny, bright light contained within everyone.

Have you ever seen the Light of Life?

BIG BROTHER BIG BROTHER!
WAIT FOR ME.
TAKE ME WITH YOU
I CAN'T. I'M GOING OUT TO PLAY WITH MY FRIENDS TODAY.
YOU SHOULD LIE DOWN AND REST
LOOK, YOUR FEVER IS GETTING WORSE.

HARUKA! YOU'RE STILL SICK. STAY STILL.
GRAND-MA...
TSUN
BUWAWAWAA
I WANT TO BE WITH BIG BROTHER ...
.....
MY SISTER IS ALWAYS SICK...
AND SHE ALWAYS WANTS TO FOLLOW ME EVERYWHERE.
ALRIGHT, I WON'T GO OUT TODAY.
BUT ONLY IF YOU'LL DRINK THAT MEDICINE LIKE A GOOD GIRL.

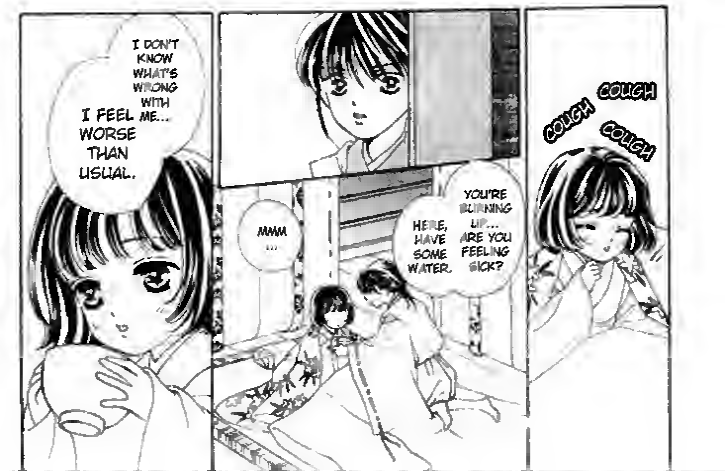
...Don't worry,

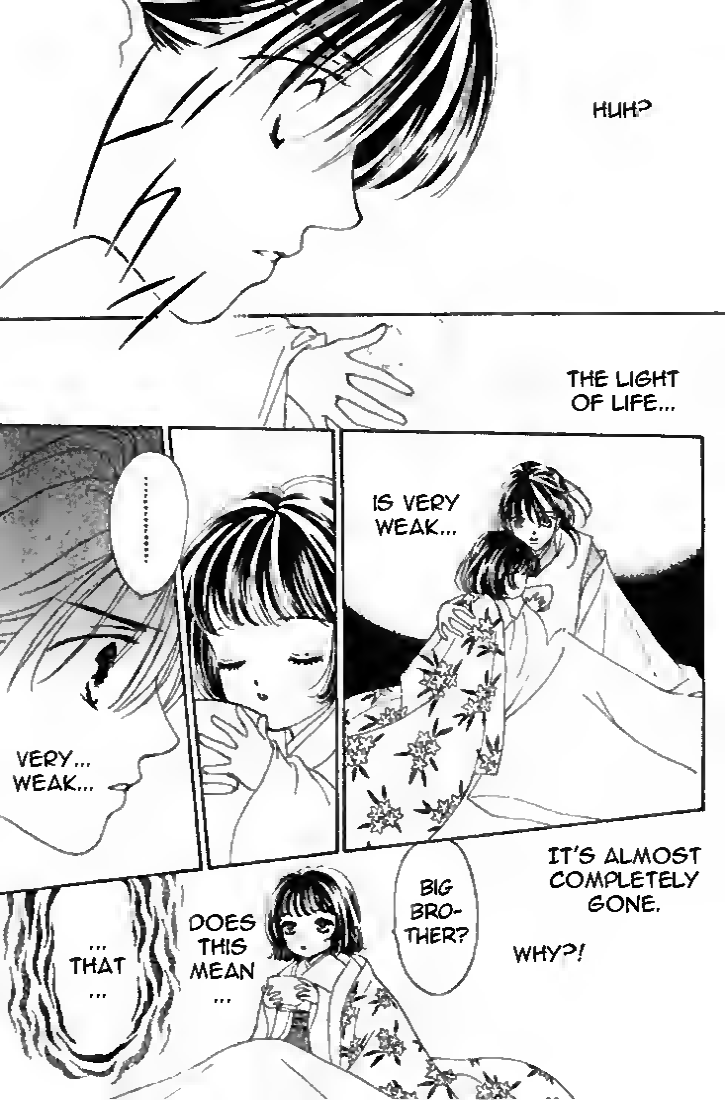
It will live.

Its Light of Life is strong.

YOU BETTER GET WELL SOON.
WHEN YOU DO, I'LL TAKE YOU ANYWHERE YOU'D LIKE.
BIG BROTHER YOU'RE AMAZING
EVERYTHING BIG BROTHER SAYS ALWAYS COMES TRUE
LIKE THAT SECRET HIDING PLACE
THE SEA, OR EVEN THE MOUNTAIN COVERED BY RED LEAVES
OR THE PLACE WITH THE MOST BEAUTIFUL CHERRY BLOSSOMS IN THE SPRING
UH-HUH
VERY BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS.
CHERRY BLOSSOMS. LIKE THE FLOWERS THAT BLOOMED WHEN I WAS BORN?
..I WANT TO SEE THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS.
WELL THEN IT'S A PROMISE ..
MY DEAR SISTER..

I WANT YOU TO SMILE FOR ETERNITY.
LET ME PROTECT YOU.
I WANT THAT BECAUSE I AM YOUR BROTHER.


I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME... I FEEL WORSE THAN USUAL.
MMM...
HERE, HAVE SOME WATER.
YOU'RE BLINKING LIP... ARE YOU FEELING SICK?
COUGH COUGH COUGH COUGH


HUH?
THE LIGHT OF LIFE...
IS VERY WEAK...
.....
VERY... WEAK...
IT'S ALMOST COMPLETELY GONE.
WHY?!
BIG BRO-THER?
DOES THIS MEAN ...
... THAT ...

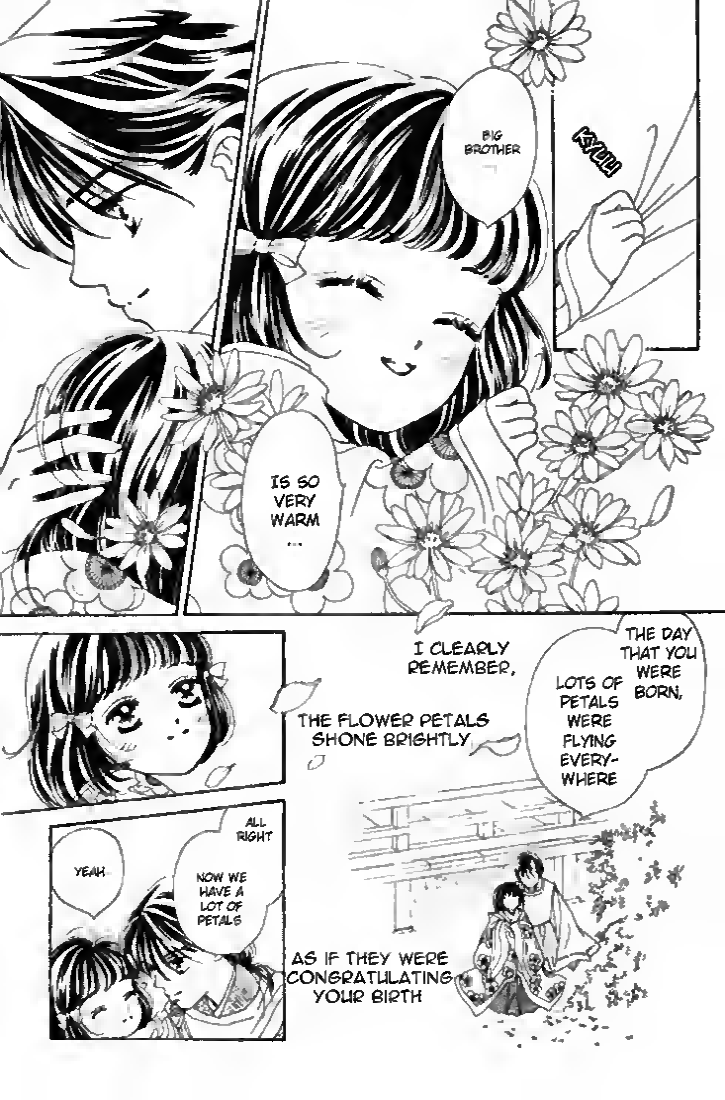
SHE WILL DIE...
HARUKA!
IF THIS GOES ON...
THEN SHE WILL DIE!
IT DOESN'T LOOK GOOD SHE IS VERY WEAK RIGHT NOW.
IT WILL BECOME VERY DANGEROUS IF HER FEVER DOESN'T GO DOWN
WHAT CAN I DO...
TO SAVE A NEARLY-ENDING LIFE...?

YOUR FATHER IS AN ONMYOJI RIGHT?
I HEARD THAT ONMYOJIS ARE ABLE TO CAST SPELLS TO EXTEND LIFE
.....
WHY ARE YOU ASKING THAT ALL OF A SUDDEN?
(SFX. KATSUN)
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS TO KILL SOMEONE AND USE HIM AS A REPLACEMENT.
OH... THE LONGEVITY SPELL?
THAT'S EASY
THE LIGHT OF LIFE...
FIND YOURSELF A REPLACE-MENT,
AND YOU WILL OBTAIN LONGEVITY.
LIFE CAN BE EXCHANGED
A TRADE-OFF BETWEEN LIVES SHORT AND LONG

THAT'S RIGHT.
ALL I HAVE TO DO
IS TO EXCHANGE THAT LIGHT!
BUT THIS SPELL USUALLY DOESN'T WORK.
BECAUSE SPELLS OF MALICIOUS INTENT ARE ALWAYS DESTINED TO FAILURE.
IT WILL WORK
IF DOING SO CAN SAVE THAT CHILD'S LIFE.
I WILL DO IT NO MATTER WHAT THE CONSEQUENCES!
OH!
DON

FIND SOMEONE
THE LIGHT OF LIFE
AS A REPLACEMENT
MOTHER
OH, WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN, MY CHILD?
YOU MADE ME WORRIED SICK!
IF SHE LOSES HER CHILD,
THAT MOTHER WILL PROBABLY CRY, WON'T SHE?
LIKE HOW I WILL CRY IF HARUKA DIES...

SO MANY LIGHTS
BUT ALL OF THEM ARE ALIKE IN THAT..
IF THEY EVER DISAPPEAR, THERE WILL BE SAD PARENTS, CHILDREN, OR LOVERS SOMEWHERE
WAITING FOR THEM
...
HIRAA
LOOK
THESE FLOWER PETALS
AREN'T THEY BEAUTIFUL?
I FEEL MUCH BETTER TODAY
BIG BROTHER
HARUKA, YOU'RE UP
ARE YOU FEELING WELL?
HERE, HOLD ONTO ME
DO YOU WANT TO COLLECT MORE OF THEM?


BIG BROTHER
KYUU!!
IS SO VERY WARM ...
I CLEARLY REMEMBER,
THE DAY THAT YOU WERE BORN,
LOTS OF PETALS WERE FLYING EVERY-WHERE
THE FLOWER PETALS SHONE BRIGHTLY
ALL RIGHT
YEAH.
NOW WE HAVE A LOT OF PETALS
AS IF THEY WERE CONGRATULATING YOUR BIRTH

YOU—
...MUST SHOW ME THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS.
WHEN I'M ALL BETTER,
YEAH?
WELL THEN, BIG BROTHER?
WOULDN'T IT BE WONDERFUL IF SPRING WOULD COME EARLIER?
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE..
YOU CAN'T HOLD OUT..
HARUKA'S LIFE.
WON'T HOLD OUT UNTIL SPRING.

WHAT CAN I DO..
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?
EVEN IF I'M NOT AROUND ANYMORE
NOBODY WILL SUFFER FROM SADNESS
IN EXCHANGE FOR THE LIFE OF THAT CHILD
I WILL GIVE MY LIFE
FAREWELL, HARUKA
I WANT YOU..
TO SEE THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS.

THE LIGHT OF LIFE
LEAVE ME...
SUUU
AND GO OVER TO THAT CHILD...
GO OVER TO THAT CHILD...

I'M STILL ALIVE?
UGH
IT FAILED
HOW ...?
WHY?
SPELLS OF MALICIOUS INTENT, ARE ALWAYS DESTINED TO FAILURE
BUT EVEN IF I DIE, NO ONE WILL FACE MISFORTUNE...
NO ONE WILL BE SAD
WHY ...

THERE IS...
NOTHING MORE...
THAT I CAN DO...
COME HERE
THE MOON IS BEAUTIFUL TONIGHT
LET'S GO OUTSIDE
BIG BROTHER?
BEAUTIFUL...
THE LIGHTS ARE SHINING.
IT'S THE NIGHT DEW...
SHINING UNDERNEATH THE BRIGHT MOONLIGHT.

HARUKA
LET'S JUMP DOWN FROM HERE,
WE WILL GO AND VISIT THE RIVER STYX.
RIVER STYX?
THAT MEANS TO DIE,
TO DISAPPEAR... FROM THIS WORLD,
BOTH OF US...
TOGETHER...
I'M SORRY HARUKA
SORRY THAT I COULDN'T SHOW YOU THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS...
BIG BROTHER?
NN

BIG BROTHER
NO
TSUNN
IT'S OKAY IF WE DON'T GET TO SEE THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS
HARUKA DOESN'T MIND
I DON'T WANT IT ANYMORE.
BIG BROTHER. PLEASE DON'T DIE...
DON'T DISAPPEAR FROM THIS WORLD.

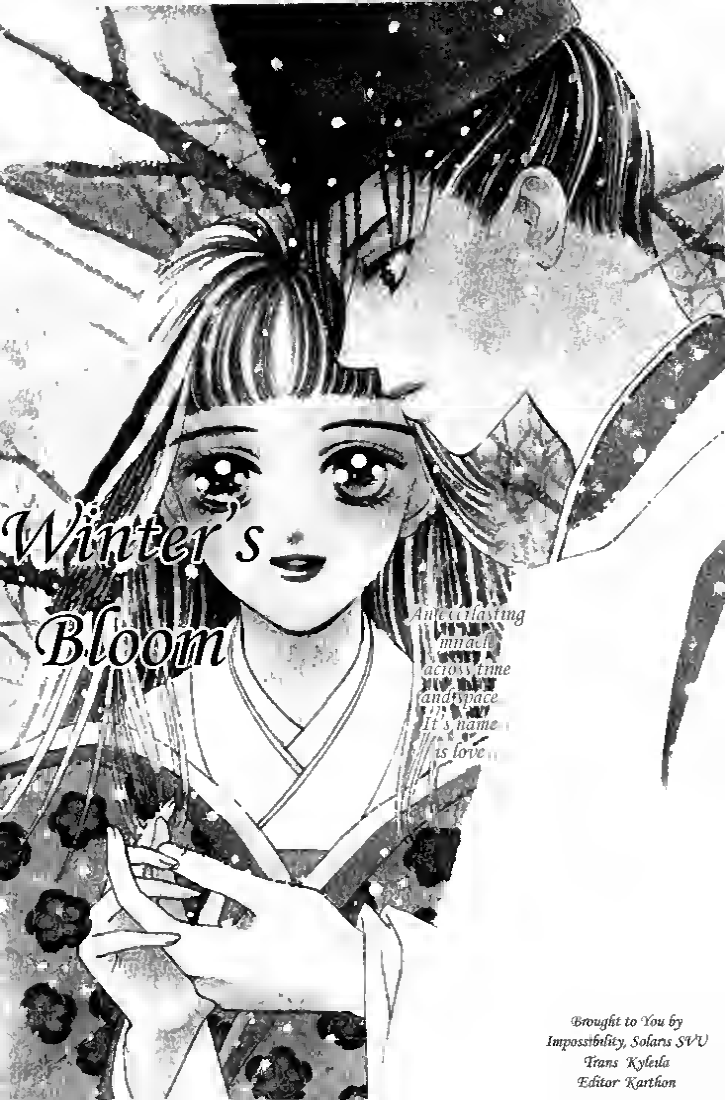
.. OH... HARUKA...
HARUKA ..
WITH YOU HERE...
IF THE SMALL, TINY YOU...
I WON'T DISAPPEAR ...
WILL BE SADDENED IF I DISAPPEAR...
HARUKA ..
I'M SO STUPID ...
I WILL BE BY YOUR SIDE.
ALWAYS ... BE BY YOUR SIDE...

OH.. IT'S DISAPPEARING.
THAT SMALL.. TINY LIGHT..
THERE IS NOTHING..
I CAN DO FOR YOU
NIGHT DEW..
JUST FOR NOW...
FOR NOW..
TURN INTO CHERRY BLOSSOMS..
HARUKA
... LOOK.

FUWA
THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS ARE SHINING,
SHINING SO BRIGHTLY, UNDERNEATH THE BEAUTIFUL MOON LIGHT.
WOW... BIG BROTHER, IT IS LIT UP EVERY-WHERE...
... IT'S SO BEAUTIFUL ..

CAN YOU SEE THE LIGHT OF LIFE?
YEAH
BEAUTIFUL ISN'T IT?
SO BEAUTIFUL ...
The world's most beautiful...
the one that everyone owns...
the most unique light.

~The End~



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OH! A SHOOTING STAR!
IF ONLY I HAD WISHED FOR A BOYFRIEND... HOW GREAT WOULD THAT BE?
... BEAUTIFUL STARS TONIGHT.
BENEATH A SKY LIKE THIS...
I REALLY FEEL LIKE MY WISHES WILL COME TRUE.
HAHA, NOTHING WE CAN SAY TO MAKE MIKA THINK OTHERWISE.
HEY, SEE YOU TOMORROW!
RIGHT... IF ONLY IT WAS THAT EASY...

PLEASE ...
LET ME MEET THE ONE WHO IS MEANT JUST FOR ME...
METEOR SHOWER.
YURA
HUH ...?

I'M FALLING ...
WHAT'S GOING ON?
SOMEONE HELP ME!
OVER HERE
MISS...

GOTCHA
YOU... CAME HERE BY ACCIDENT, DIDN'T YOU?
WHO IS THIS?
WHICH DOOR DID YOU ENTER FROM?
WHO... WHO ARE YOU? WHERE IS THIS PLACE ...
AM I ... DREAMING?

THIS MAY SEEM LIKE A DREAM BUT...
I ASSURE YOU IT ISN'T
WHAT...?
IT'S DANGER-OUS ... COME HERE,
WHAT IS HE SAYING?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
WHO ARE YOU...
WHO ARE YOU REALLY?
POCHAN

... MOM
WHAT TIME IS IT?
I HAD A STRANGE DREAM...
... YOU'RE AWAKE?
YOU'RE ...
WHAT IS GOING ON?
WHAT IS THIS PLACE?
I HAVE TO GO HOME
EVERYONE WILL BE WORRIED ...
THE ONE FROM THE DREAM...

HOW IS THIS POSSIBLE?
YOU WENT BACK IN TIME...
TO ABOUT ... 1000 YEARS BEFORE YOUR TIME.
YOUR HOME DOES NOT EXIST IN THIS WORLD.
YOU'RE LYING...

LET GO OF ME!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
I WANT TO GO HOME!
I NEED TO GO HOME!
CALM DOWN!
LET ME GO!
HOW IS THIS POSSIBLE?
I DON'T KNOW THIS PLACE
HOW CAN LIKE THIS HAPPEN...?
LET ME GO!
THIS DOESN'T CONCERN YOU AT ALL!
GLII

HYO!
(SFX DOSA)
LOOK CLO-SELY
AHHHHHHH!
YOU ARE HERE IN THIS TIME AND SPACE.
YOU DO EXIST.

YOU ARE VERY LUCKY TO HAVE SURVIVED...
SINCE THE FALL THAT YOU HAD THROUGH THE TWIST OF SPACE WAS SO DANGEROUS
AS LONG AS YOU'RE ALIVE...
YOU WILL BE ABLE TO GO HOME ONE DAY
... BUT YOU SHOULD STAY HERE UNTIL THAT DAY COMES
YOU... KNOW ABOUT ALL OF THIS?
WHO... WHO ARE YOU REALLY?
I'M AN ONMYOJI.

WHAT A MYSTERIOUS PERSON
BUT HE DID SAVE MY LIFE
THE SOFT, GENTLE VOICE THAT
"AS LONG AS YOU'RE ALIVE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO GO HOME ONE DAY"
LINGERS ABOUT MY EARS
GOOD MORNING
HAVE YOU HAD A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP?
HOW ARE YOU FEELING

PERFECT FIT ISN'T IT, MASTER SEIMEI?
ALTHOUGH HER STRANGE FOREIGN CLOTHES FIT HER WELL ALSO.
THE NICE LADY BROUGHT ME THESE CLOTHES,
THEY LOOK STRANGE ON ME DON'T THEY?
EVERYTHING IS SO LONG
OH RIGHT, I'VE NEVER ASKED FOR YOUR NAME.
MY NAME IS MIKA HIYOHARA MIKA.
A BEAUTIFUL FLOWER,
A BEAUTIFUL NAME.
WELL THEN, MIKA,
THERE IS SOMETHING I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU

THINK CAREFULLY ...
DID ANYTHING STRANGE HAPPEN BEFORE YOU CAME HERE?
ANYTHING STRANGE?
I SAW A METEOR
RIGHT
THEN THERE WAS A METEOR SHOWER
A METEOR SHOWER WAS IT? IT SHOULD PROBABLY APPEAR HERE SOON AS WELL.
A LIGHT
I WILL REALLY GET TO RETURN SOMEDAY...?
I...

IT'S SO LATE ALREADY.
WORKS
CAN'T FALL ASLEEP?

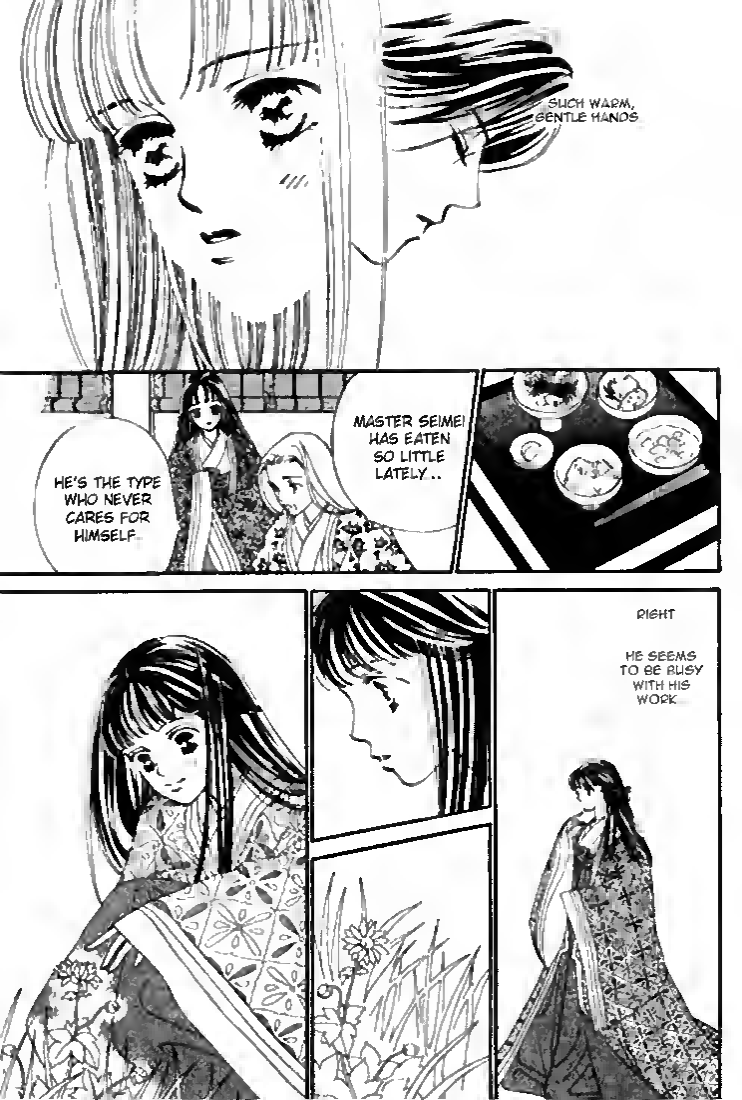
MY PARENTS ALWAYS READ ME A STORY BEFORE I WENT TO SLEEP.
THAT'S RIGHT, WHEN I WAS YOUNG.
THESE ARE JUST SOME ILLUSTRATED STORIES.
WILL I UNDERSTAND IT?
WOULD YOU LIKE TO TAKE A LOOK AT THIS?
THEY MADE ME FEEL AT EASE.
THEY WOULD RUB MY SHOULDERS .. OR WOULD GENTLY TOUCH MY FOREHEAD.
WHAT ARE THEY DOING RIGHT NOW?
DAD. MOM. MY FRIENDS.
OH! SORRY FOR TALKING ABOUT THESE USELESS THINGS..
sara

JUST FOR NOW...
RELIVE YOUR CHILDHOOD
DON'T WORRY
I WILL DO ALL THAT I CAN TO RETURN YOU TO YOUR WORLD.
I PROMISE

SUCH WARM HANDS,
DAD... MOM...
I MIGHT NOT GET TO SEE YOU EVER AGAIN...
IT'S THE MORN-ING...?
MM..?
... OH HEY,
GOOD MORNING.

OH! I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS
I ACTUALLY FELL ASLEEP
I'M SORRY.. I...
YOU SHOULD HAVE WOKEN ME..
YOU LOOKED SO SWEET WHEN YOU SLEPT.. I DIDN'T HAVE IT IN MY HEART TO WAKE YOU.
I ACTUALLY STAYED HERE FOR A WHOLE NIGHT
OH, WAIT!
I'M REALLY SORRY,
... SORRY FOR TROUBLING YOU
WITHIN..
HIS EMBRACE!

I HOPE YOU WILL RETURN HOME SAFELY.
FOR ME..?
THIS..
I WANT YOU TO HAVE THIS
IT'S A PROT-ECTION CHARM
THANK YOU
HOW BEAUTIFUL.
IT SHINES BRIGHTLY LIKE THE STARS
"I HOPE YOU WILL RETURN HOME SAFELY."

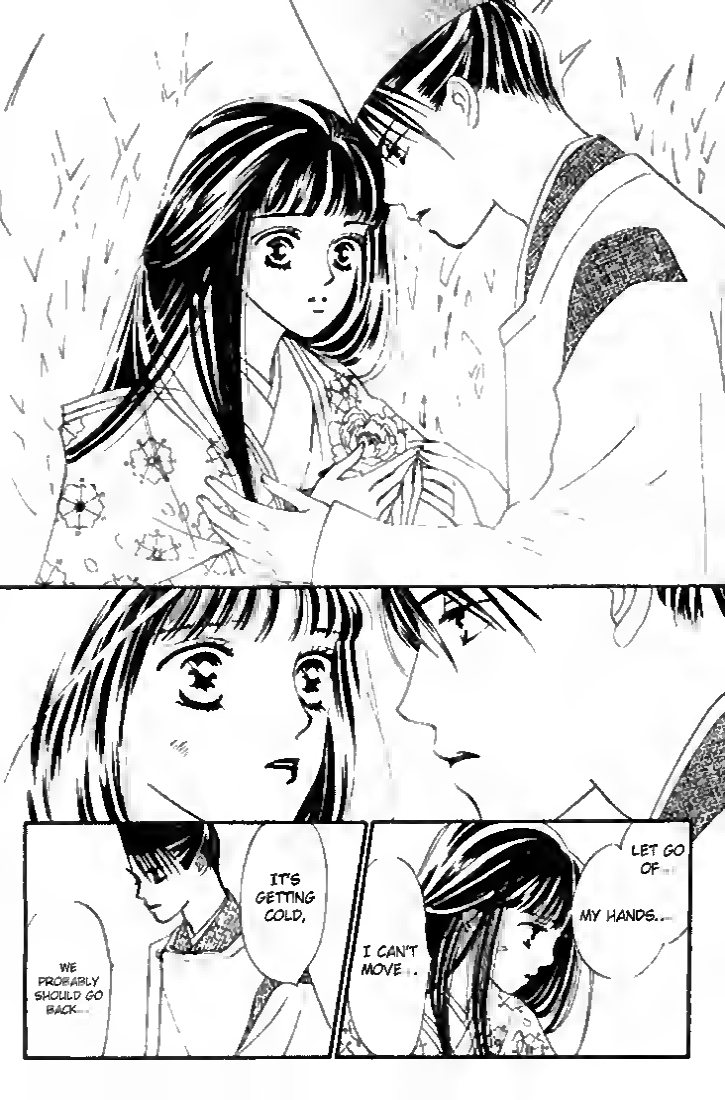

SUCH WARM, GENTLE HANDS
MASTER SEIMEI HAS EATEN SO LITTLE LATELY..
HE'S THE TYPE WHO NEVER CARES FOR HIMSELF
RIGHT
HE SEEMS TO BE BUSY WITH HIS WORK

I WONDER IF THERE ARE MORE BLOSSOMS IN OTHER PLACES ?

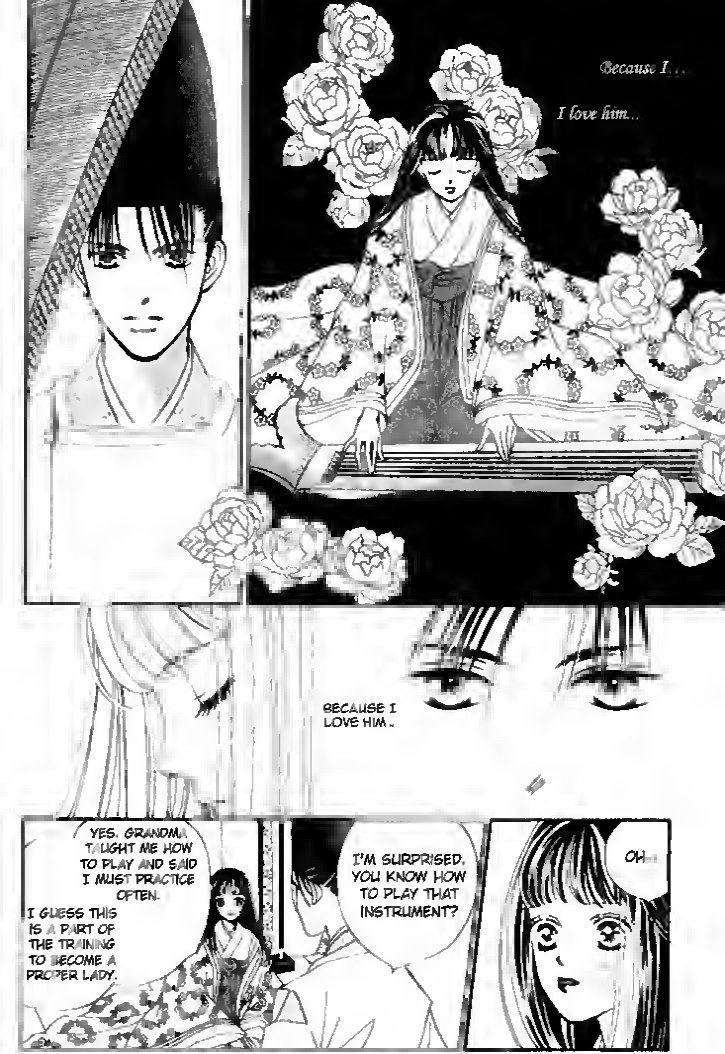
HAA
YOU'RE LOOKING FOR FLOWERS?
OH ..
WHAT?
OH! GET DOWN! THAT MAN. .
EARLIER, I WALKED INTO HIS PLACE ACCIDENTALLY!
SHH .
HE'S LOOKING FOR ME.
THESE THINGS ONLY HAPPEN IN MY YOUTH
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS

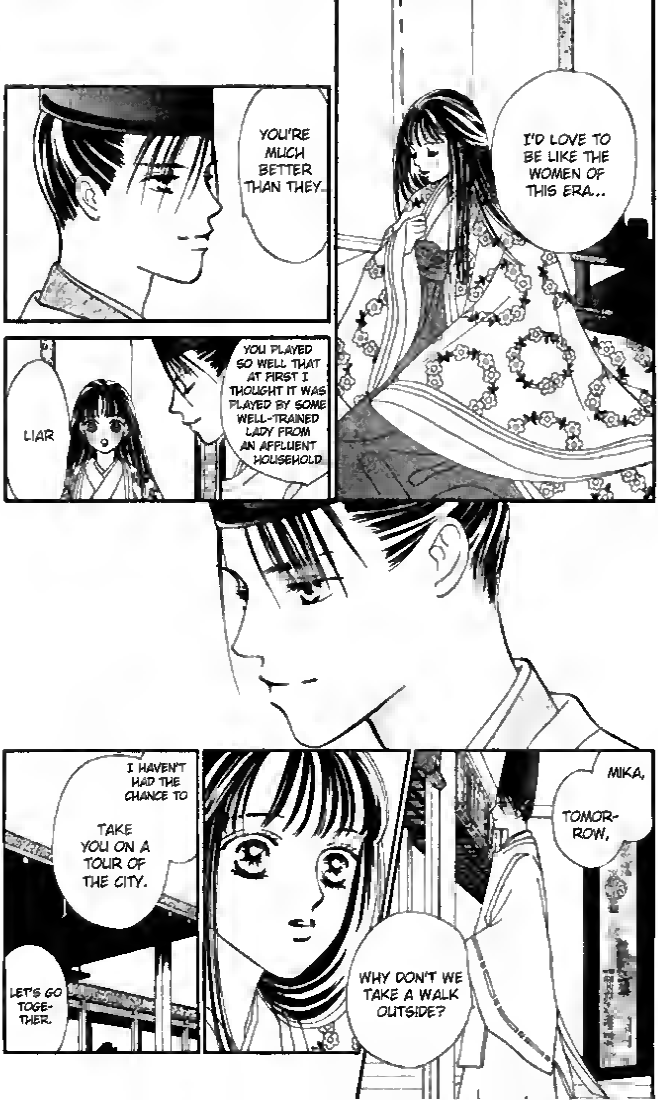
YOU'VE DONE THIS BEFORE TOO?
PLUM BLOSSOMS CAMELLIAS CHERRY BLOSSOMS...
THERE WOULD ALSO BE PEACH BLOSSOMS AND GLOBEFLOWERS BLOOMING IN THE GARDEN
THERE WOULD'VE BEEN MANY BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS THAT I'M SURE YOU'D LOVE
TOO BAD SPRING HASN'T ARRIVED
I'D LOVE TO SEE THEM.
REALLY
THE FLOWER BUD...
IT'S BEEN BLOWN OFF BY THE WIND
WHAT'S WRONG?
OH..

WHY DON'T YOU PRAY FOR IT TO BLOOM?
WHAT A PITY
. IT'LL NEVER GET TO BLOOM FULLY.


LET GO OF...
MY HANDS...
I CAN'T MOVE..
IT'S GETTING COLD,
WE PROBABLY SHOULD GO BACK...

PIGMA
MY FACE
IS BURNING UP...
MOM... DAD...
MY HOME...
MY WORLD...
I PROBABLY WON'T GET TO GO BACK ANYMORE...
I WANT TO STAY BY HIS SIDE
LIKE THIS...
FOREVER...


Because I...
I love him...
BECAUSE I LOVE HIM.
OH...
I'M SURPRISED. YOU KNOW HOW TO PLAY THAT INSTRUMENT?
YES. GRANDMA TAUGHT ME HOW TO PLAY AND SAID I MUST PRACTICE OFTEN.
I GUESS THIS IS A PART OF THE TRAINING TO BECOME A PROPER LADY.


I'D LOVE TO BE LIKE THE WOMEN OF THIS ERA...
YOU'RE MUCH BETTER THAN THEY...
YOU PLAYED SO WELL THAT AT FIRST I THOUGHT IT WAS PLAYED BY SOME WELL-TRAINED LADY FROM AN AFFLUENT HOUSEHOLD.
LIAR
MIKA,
TOMOR-ROW,
WHY DON'T WE TAKE A WALK OUTSIDE?
I HAVEN'T HAD THE CHANCE TO
TAKE YOU ON A TOUR OF THE CITY.
LET'S GO TOGE-THER.

TOGETHER...
TO WALK TOGETHER LIKE THIS
TOGETHER...
FOREVER...

WHAT IS THIS PLACE...?
HERE'S OUR STOP.
THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS IN THE SPRING ARE VERY BEAUTIFUL, THEY CALM MY SOUL.
I'VE BEEN COMING HERE SINCE I WAS YOUNG
HIS...
SPECIAL PLACE...
THIS IS A WONDERFUL PLACE...
CHERRY BLOSSOMS ARE VERY BEAUTIFUL...
FLWA

SNOW...

OH...
THE CHARM...
KOON...
WHEN SPRING COMES,
WILL YOU ...
BRING ME HERE ONCE AGAIN...?

I...
FOR YOU, I...
TO SHOW ME THE REAL CHERRY BLOSSOMS
NEXT SPRING
AND THE SPRING AFTER THAT.
FOREVER
MIKA..
YOU
MUST RETURN TO YOUR WORLD..

WHAT..?
I'VE ALREADY CALCULATED,
THE METEOR SHOWER WILL VISIT ONCE AGAIN DURING THE NEXT CRESCENT NIGHT.
THAT CHARM WILL REFLECT THE METEOR'S LIGHT AND FORM A LIGHT CIRCLE.
YOU MUST CROSS THE CIRCLE AND RETURN TO YOUR OWN TIME
THIS PLACE
IS WHERE YOU WILL RETURN TO YOUR WORLD...
——WHY?
THE NIGHT WHEN THE CRESCENT HANGS UPON THE SKY. .
THAT'S ONLY THREE NIGHTS AWAY .

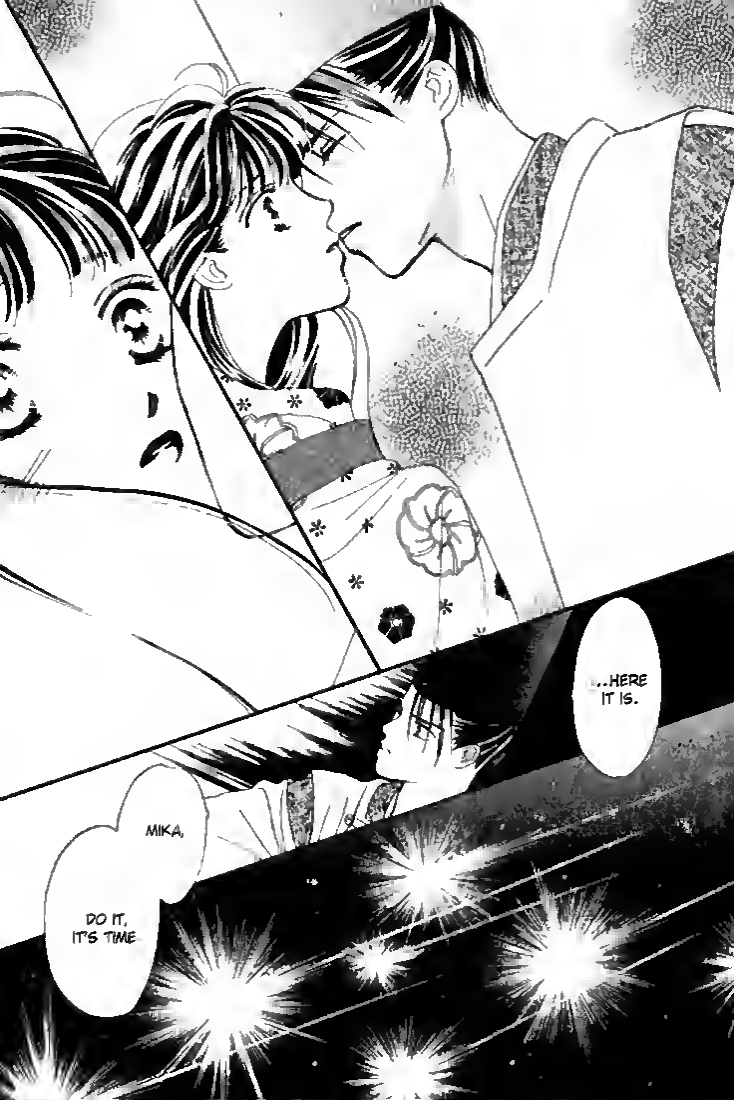
IS THAT YOUR ANSWER?
YOU DON'T ...
YOU DON'T EVEN CARE ABOUT THE FACT THAT I'M LEAVING?
DON'T ...
STOP PRETENDING TO BE NICE...!
MIKA ...
DON'T TOUCH ME!

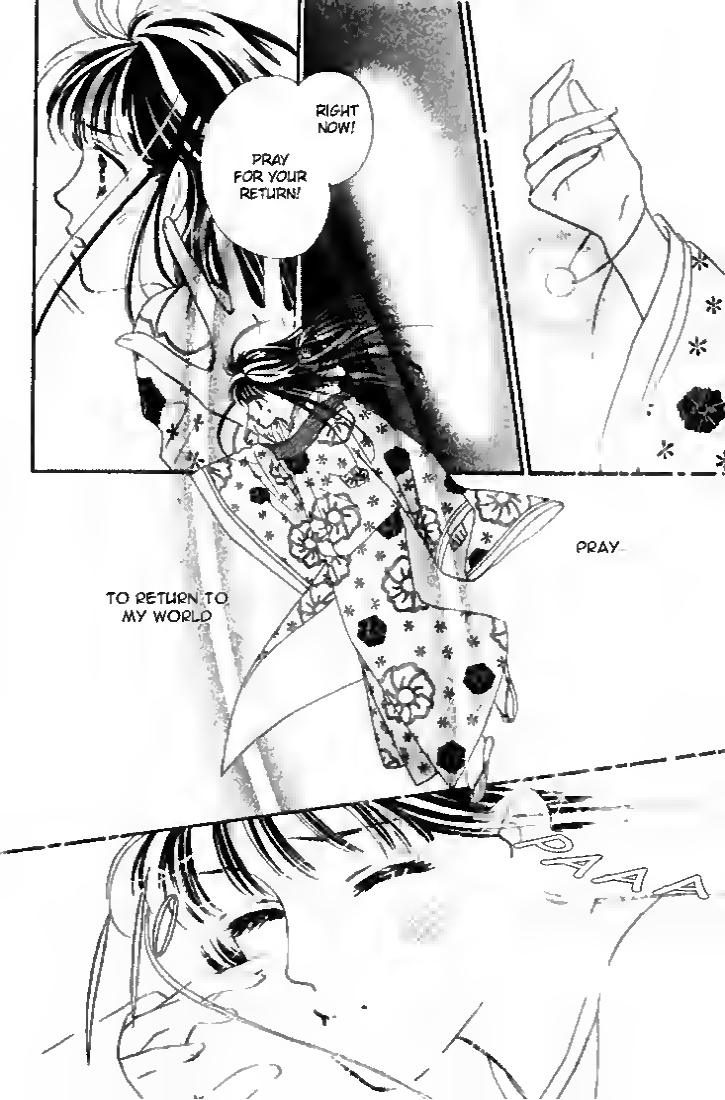
.....
WHAT'S WRONG WITH MS. MIKA?
SHE SEEMS TO BE DEPRESSED LATELY...
I KNOW
I'M JUST A STRANGE GIRL FROM A FOREIGN WORLD
TO HIM...
THIS CHARM HAS NO MEANING...
THIS IS JUST A REGULAR, SIMPLE CHARM, EVER SINCE THE BEGINNING...
I REALLY HOPED THAT HE'D FEEL THE SAME TOWARDS ME...
I REALLY HAD HOPE...

THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO...
AND NOW THE DAY HAS ARRIVED
THE DAY'S FINALLY HERE
I'LL MAKE SURE THAT YOU RETURN SAFELY
I USED TO REALLY WANT TO GO BACK TO THAT WORLD...
IF ONLY A SNOWSTORM WOULD COME
TO COVER UP THE STARS AND THE SKIES AND LET THEM DISAPPEAR...

LISTEN, WHEN THE METEORS ARRIVE, YOU SHOULD PRAY FOR YOUR RETURN.
THE GATEWAY TO YOUR WORLD SHOULD OPEN DEPENDING UPON THE STRENGTH OF YOUR PRAYER.
IT'S ALMOST HERE
MY LAST...
MY LAST AND ONLY
WISH.

KISS ME
...THE WAY YOU WOULD KISS YOUR LOVER.
LET THIS BE MY SOUVENIR
MY EVER-LASTING MEMORY
THAT WAY,
I CAN GO HOME WITH NO REGRETS..


...HERE IT IS.
MIKA,
DO IT, IT'S TIME


RIGHT NOW!
PRAY FOR YOUR RETURN!
PRAY
TO RETURN TO MY WORLD
PAAA

(SFX: ZAZA)
WHAT HAPPENED?
WHY?
IF YOU PRAYED HARD ENOUGH, YOU WOULD'VE
I COULDN'T PRAY FOR IT.

... DO YOU UNDERSTAND THE CONSE-QUENCES?
THERE'S NO WAY FOR YOU TO GO HOME ANYMORE!
I COULDN'T ...
LIE...
NOT EVEN A WORD.
HE WOULDN'T EVEN SAY A WORD TO ME..

I'M SORRY.
WHAT HAPPENS TO ME. .
DOESN'T MATTER ANYMORE. .
YOU. .
YOU DON'T KNOW ANY-THING. .
YOU DON'T KNOW HOW DIFFICULT IT WAS FOR ME TO LET YOU GO.
ALL I WANTED WAS FOR YOU TO GO HOME SAFELY
BUT IF THIS IS YOUR WISH. .
THEN THERE'S NO USE TO PRETEND ANYMORE

GUI
I LOVE YOU-

STAY WITH ME FOREVER
THE REASON I...
CAME HERE ACROSS TIME AND SPACE...
I KNEW FROM THE BEGINNING

WAS TO
BE WITH
YOU...

IF I DON'T WATCH YOU CLOSELY,
YOU MIGHT FLY AWAY LIKE A FAIRY GODDESS
THIS WHOLE TIME
OH. HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN STANDING THERE STARING AT ME?
YOU'RE TERRIBLE
YOU'RE STRANGE
COME HERE.
SO HAPPY THAT...
I'M SO HAPPY...
IT FEELS A LITTLE SCARY.

KASHANN!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME..?
I FEEL VERY LIGHTHE IDEO THESE DAYS.
MIKA?
IT HURTS..
TO BREATH...

I'M SORRY...
WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME?
...DON'T WORRY
YOU'RE JUST TIRED.
YOU'LL BE FINE SOON.

.....
MIKA...
YOU SHOULD ...
RETURN TO YOUR WORLD....
YOUR ILLNESS ...
CAN ONLY BE CURED BY THE DOCTORS OF YOUR TIME.
I WILL TAKE YOU BACK TO YOUR WORLD

I'VE CHOSEN THIS ERA,
I'VE CHOSEN TO STAY BY YOUR SIDE..
I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE
...SILLY,
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
YOU'LL DIE IF YOU STAY HERE
LET ME BE WITH YOU
DIDN'T YOU SAY THAT... THAT YOU WANT ME TO STAY WITH YOU FOREVER?
...NO
NO! I WON'T!
I DON'T CARE IF I DIE!
DON'T LEAVE ME

MIKA,
YOU MUST LIVE.
YOU MUST SURVIVE.
I CAN'T
STAND HERE AND WATCH YOU DIE
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
IF THERE REALLY WAS A WAY TO GET ME ACROSS TIME SAFELY
YOU WOULD'VE DONE IT A LONG TIME AGO

... AFTER YOU'VE RETURNED SAFELY, I WILL WRITE A LOVE LETTER TO THE YOU A THOUSAND YEARS FROM NOW
AND IT *WILL* GET TO YOU
I HOPE YOU WILL BLOSSOM BEAUTIFULLY
EVEN THOUGH WE WILL BE WORLDS APART,
YOU WILL ALWAYS BE MY MOST BELOVED

I LOVE YOU...
FOREVER
FAREWELL

I HEARD THAT,
I WAS FOUND LYING ON THE GROUND ON MY WAY HOME
AFTER THAT I WOKE UP IN A HOSPITAL BED
EXCEPT THAT,
IT WASN'T A DREAM
IT WAS JUST LIKE A STORY STRAIGHT OUT OF A DREAM.
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU...?
AFTER THAT...

AFTER THESE THOUSAND YEARS
EVERYTHING HAS CHANGED
THERE IS NOTHING
THE PLACE THAT HE TOOK ME TO
NOTHING REMAINED
NOTHING REMAINED
MIKA...
FUWA...

"AFTER YOU'VE RETURNED SAFELY, I WILL WRITE A LOVE LETTER TO THE YOU A THOUSAND YEARS FROM NOW."
"AND IT WILL GET TO YOU."

"EVEN THOUGH WE WILL BE WORLDS APART..."
IT'S YOU, ISN'T IT?
"I WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU..."

The End

Abe no
Seimei

Dream
Artbook

TO MY READERS

A MAN WITH A STOIC FACE, BUT A SOUL FILLED WITH INTENSE EMOTIONS...
THAT'S THE ABE NO SEIMEI THAT I'VE RECREATED IN MY STORIES

EVEN THOUGH THERE ARE NO FIVE-POINTED STARS, AND THERE AREN'T
ANY GHOSTS (WHICH REPRESENTS THE DARKNESS OF A HUMAN'S SOUL),
THIS IS STILL A STORY ABOUT ABE NO SEIMEI, THE FAMED ONMYOJI

THE STORIES ARE WRITTEN WITHOUT THE USUAL SUPERNATURAL ELEMENTS
BECAUSE I WANTED TO DO A STORY SUITABLE FOR BOTH THE YOUNG
READERS AS WELL AS THE ELDER. IF ANY OF YOU FEEL LIKE YOU'VE BEEN
CHEATED BECAUSE YOU WERE EXPECTING A STORY ABOUT EXORCISING
GHOSTS AND SPIRITS, I DO APOLOGIZE

LOOKING BACK AT THE SEIMEI I'VE CREATED IN THE STORIES, THE FIRST
STORY SEEMS LIKE A STORY OF HIKARU GENJI, THE SECOND STORY IS
LIKE THAT OF ARIHARANO NARIHIRA, THE THIRD AND FOURTH STORIES FEEL
VERY ONONO TAKAMURA-ISH. IT SEEMS LIKE I HAVE COVERED ALL OF THE
NOBLES OF THE HEIAN ERA. THAT'S RIGHT, I HAVE STRONG FEELINGS FOR
ANCIENT ARISTOCRATS. (TRANSLATOR'S NOTE: THE THREE NAMES THAT TAKADA-SENSEI
HAS MENTIONED ARE NOBLES DURING THE HEIAN PERIOD AND ARE OFTEN MENTIONED IN JAPANESE
HISTORICAL FICTION.)

ANYWAY, THIS IS A STORY THAT I'VE BEEN WANTING (AND WHINING) TO
DRAW FOR A LONG TIME. SO EVEN NOW I AM STILL AMAZED THAT THEY
ARE ALREADY BEING PUBLISHED INTO A GRAPHIC NOVEL... IT REALLY
MAKES ME HAPPY.

THE ONLY THING THAT I FEEL REGRETFUL ABOUT IS THAT EVEN THOUGH
THESE ARE STORIES ABOUT THE ROYALS OF THE HEIAN PERIOD, NOT ONE
SCENE TOOK PLACE INSIDE THE PALACE. I REALLY WANTED THE HOT, SEXY
MEN WITHIN THE PALACE TO SHOW UP IN MY STORIES! I GUESS THAT WILL
ONLY HAPPEN IN MY DREAMS. (IN THE WORLD OF MY STRANGE IMAGINATION,
SEIMEI WOULD'VE BEEN THE PALACE'S MOST NOBLE, MOST IMPORTANT
PERSON... 'S ILLEGITIMATE SON...)

IF IT IS CONVENIENT, PLEASE SEND ME AN E-MAIL AND LET ME KNOW WHAT
YOU THINK OF THESE STORIES. MY E-MAIL ADDRESS IS TAMIJINN@A2.SO-NET.NE.JP
I WILL RANDOMLY SELECT A FEW OF THEM TO RECEIVE A 2001 CALENDAR OF
HANA NO ITAGE IN THE MAIL. COME GET YOUR FREE STUFF, EVERYONE!
MAKING THE CALENDAR HAS BEEN A VERY FUN PROCESS. I'M HAVING A GREAT
TIME WORKING ON IT! (TRANSLATOR'S NOTE: OBVIOUSLY THIS WAS WRITTEN WHEN THE MANGA
WAS FIRST PUBLISHED SO I DOUBT THAT TAKADA-SENSEI IS STILL DOING DRAWINGS FOR THE 2001 CALENDARS. —)

FINALLY, I'D LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE WHO HAS HELPED ME WITH THE PRODUCTION OF
THIS MANGA. THANKS TO MY ASSISTANT MISS K, WHO TOOK GOOD CARE OF ME THE
WHOLE TIME. THANKS ALSO TO MISS CHACHA AND MISS Y.

THANK YOU TO MY GOOD FRIEND AND MY RESOURCE MISS MIWA

ALSO TO MY EDITOR MR. M, WHO HAS GIVEN ME MANY SUGGESTIONS. THE CHAPTER
OPENERS THAT HE HAD CREATED WERE KEPT AS I HAD HOPED.

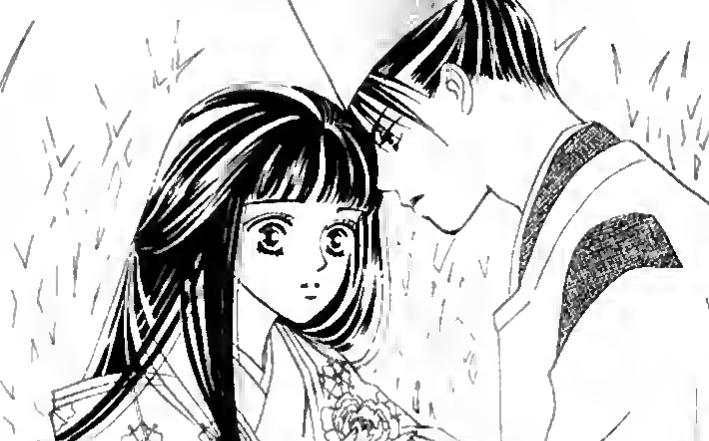
MUCH THANKS TO MY TANKOUBAN EDITOR MR. SAITO

THANKS TO MR. IKUMI FOR HELPING ME WITH THE DESIGNS AND THANKS TO YOU TOO, DAD.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST, I'D LIKE TO THANK ALL OF MY READERS WHO HAVE SUPPORTED
ME ALL THE WAY!

THANK YOU EVERYONE!

JANUARY, 2001
TAKADA TAMI



EDITOR'S NOTE. WELL, I HOPE ALL THE READERS ENJOYED THIS MANGA. I APOLOGIZE FOR THE DELAY IN EDITING; ORIGINALLY I WAS GOING TO HAVE THIS DONE ABOUT A MONTH AGO BUT WHAT WITH FINAL EXAMS, PROJECTS ETC, IT GOT BOGGED DOWN ^_^;; ANYWAYS, I HAD A LOT OF FUN WORKING ON THIS PROJECT, AND I HOPE YOU HAD FUN READING IT AS WELL. IMPOSSIBILITY AND SOLARIS WERE PROUD TO BRING YOU *HANA NO UTAGE*. TILL NEXT TIME, TAKE CARE ALL

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